

The following is an excerpt from my book [**“ALL DOG’S HAVE BRAINS; You Just Need To Learn How To Use Them!”**], in process of being written to be published with the goal of being accomplished by the end of the year 2019. It is a subject much neglected by most dog trainers and by even more dog owners! It is because of our mutual love for canines as author and reader that I hope you will both understand and act upon this information about *crating your canine companion with love!*

## CHAPTER TWO

### **Crating Your Canine Companion With Love!**



*Trooper, as a six-week old puppy learning to love his crate.*

Your Puppy Or Dog Needs A Personal Place To Call Its Own – PERIOD! The first and most important boundary that you need to set for your canine friend is its very own controlled space – it is called a DOG CRATE! Dog crates are NEVER to be a place where you send your canine to punish it. Your dog’s crate is to be its very own pleasant space to go to eat, sleep and rest! All dogs are wanting to own their own little domain. When you make your puppy or dog’s crate their palace, then they will love to find that their most private place of refuge is really their own space and no one else’s.

Making your canine to have to sleep in your bedroom or on your bed is a BIG MISTAKE! You are giving your dog no rest, but instead you are assigning your best friend

to monitor you throughout the whole time you are sleeping. Giving your dog this job, to check on you every time you move or make a sound in your sleep, keeps your dog awake so that it cannot sleep well! Put yourself in your dog's paws – let's say that you have an ill human being whom you must monitor in their sick-bed, all through the night. Every move or sound they make, makes you alerted to have to check on them. Now how many days, weeks, months or years in a row could you keep this practice up without becoming over stressed by it all? You have your own bedroom and private spaces to find refuge in, give your canine friend their own private place of refuge too!

Service dogs that are trained as medical alert dogs or leader dogs for the blind will need to monitor their owner during their human's sleep time. This stressful work will necessitate that such a K9 service dog receives extra resocialization opportunities to help it remain able to destress and engage with other people and dogs in other public settings away from its daily work as a service dog. Otherwise, like all dogs that are spending excessive amounts of time monitoring their human owners, with no private get-a-way place, like their own crate, then these dogs will develop stress related behaviors.

Both SEPERATION ANXIETY and POSSESSION AGGRESSION will result as negative behaviors when a dog is never allowed to go to its own private domain to sleep and rest! When your dog cannot handle leaving your side without whining or freaking out, that is SEPERATION ANXIETY, and unfortunately you created it! When your dog shows its teeth, raises its hackles, barks at or lunges at a person or another dog that approaches you, that is POSSESION AGGRESSION, and unfortunately you created it!

Do you love your K9 friend? Then give your dog a break, and provide them with a lovely crate, a pleasant place they can call their own. Give them an Elk antler and a Kong to chew on in their crate. Dogs chew out their stress on good chews. Give your dog a clean

crate floor to lay down on. No bedding, no blankets, that your dog can chew and choke on.

Do not cover your dog's crate with a blanket! The dumb idea of giving your canine a den-like domain, like unto wolves and coyotes, only creates a dog that wants to go and hide under something or to go behind some object to get away from a new person or another dog that enters into its presence. When was the last time you went into the forest to call a wolf or coyote to come to you to be loved on and to be given a reward for obeying your command? That doesn't happen does it? Why would you then condition your puppy or dog to learn that its covered crate is like a wolf or coyote den to flee into as a hide-away? **DON'T COVER** your canine's crate! Give it an open-air crate where your canine can see all around and over the top of its pleasant place of rest and relaxation.

Do not misunderstand what I am saying about the benefits and virtues about crating your canine. You can **OVER-CRATE** your dog! Do not do right by your dog by night, letting it sleep in its crate to rest and relax, and then force your dog by day to stay in its crate during your eight or more hours away at your workplace. Give your dog several breaks away from its create during the day when it is not the puppy or dog's bedtime!

Last of all, but not least of all, play a radio in the room where your puppy or dog stays or sleeps in its crate! Do not use the television as a substitute, because the flashing lighting will tend to make your dog paranoid. Playing a radio in the room where your canine stays in its crate will audibly educate your puppy or dog to learn to accept all kinds of human voices! Men's and women's voices, boy's and girl's voices, high and low pitched voices, soft and loud voices – then your canine will become used to hearing not only human voices, but all kinds of sounds! During a news hour the dog will hear other dogs barking in the background. Sometimes sirens and bells will be heard and many other sounds that your dog will learn to accept without being overreactive. Playing a radio during your

canine's bedtime or during brief times when your dog is awake at home, and you are away from for a few hours, is also very valuable to distract your dog from boredom!

Crating your canine companion for life, for the life of your dog, for the long life of your dog is one of the best ways to love your dog for the whole life-time of your dog!

Don't think the day will dawn when it will be a better idea to let "ROVER" roam! Letting your canine companion out and about your house at night, while you are asleep or when you are away from your home, is like letting a young toddling child to be left unattended around a hot stove, a storage room full of poisonous chemicals, a pile of plastic bags – you get the point don't you? Which is more loving, to keep your canine companion safe and secure in its crate when it is unattended by you, or to keep your puppy or dog in an environment that could, and most likely will, get it into trouble, cause it to get hurt or sick or worse! If you love your canine you will train your canine to love its crate!