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Dogs
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Ensure when leaving the dog for longer periods of time he has had the chance to go to the toilet and if possible have a walk, (which will make him tired and chances are will help him sleep in the crate while you are out). When you return to let the dog out take him into the garden.

Eventually you will find the dog will go into the crate on his own when you are ready to go out, and also when the dog wants his own time out he will go into the crate. If there are children present ensure they do not disturb the dog when in his crate as this is his space (bedroom) where he should not be disturbed.

Chewy toys (that do not require supervision) can be left with the dog for distraction to give him something to do.

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CRATE TRAINING



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Crates are very good when leaving dogs for short periods of time and overnight when sleeping, as they provide a safe environment for your dog and peace of mind for you.

Crates come in various sizes and you should choose one that allows your dog to stand up and turn around comfortably. You need to place the crate in the area or room where you intend the dog to sleep and cover it over with a sheet or blanket as this will make it seem more like a den and creates a cosy place.

Water can be left in the crate but remember it can be knocked over which will make the area wet and uncomfortable. The more water drunk by the dog will mean the more he will need to urinate. Leave the door to the crate open all day as this will allow the dog to enter whenever he wants. Use the crate as a positive object to begin with and feed the dog in it and place toys in the crate for the dog to play with. Don't forget to fuss the dog when he is in the crate. This will help him to associate the crate as a good place and if the dog goes into the crate on his own accord give him a treat.

During various times throughout the day put the dog in the crate and shut the door, walk away (out of sight) and wait three minutes before returning, then open the door.

It is important that you do not say anything when you put the dog into the crate and when you return to let him out. By making a fuss of the situation you will make the dog think there is something going on and could cause anxiety.

Once the dog has settled out of the crate you can give him attention. Increase the length of time you leave the dog and vary the times during the day.

