

## WHAT DOGS LIKE PRINTABLE RESOURCE

# Puppy Crate Training Schedule

Use this flexible daily worksheet to plan potty breaks, meals, short training, supervised play, naps, and positive crate practice. Adjust the routine for age, bladder control, health, and stress level.

Puppy name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Main goal \_\_\_\_\_

## Morning

- Potty break before crate practice.
- Meal or small food reward near the crate.
- Short play or training session.
- Calm crate rest only after needs are met.

## Midday

- Potty break after waking or active play.
- Supervised movement and chewing outlet.
- Short crate practice with a positive association.
- Note any stress, barking, or accidents.

## Afternoon

- Potty break before another rest period.
- Light training game or enrichment.
- Nap setup in a calm room location.
- Check whether the crate still feels positive.

## Evening

- Dinner, water plan, and potty timing.
- Quiet play rather than intense excitement.
- Prepare bedding and safe chew if appropriate.
- Plan the final potty break before bedtime.

## Bedtime and overnight

- Final potty break completed.
- Crate placed where overnight supervision is realistic.
- Potty response plan written down for young puppies.
- Morning note: what worked, what was too much, and what to adjust tomorrow.

Stress or comfort notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Tomorrow's adjustment: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not force a puppy into the crate or use it as punishment. If the puppy panics, repeatedly tries to escape, injures themselves, or cannot settle with gradual practice, stop and ask a qualified trainer, behavior consultant, or veterinarian for help. If the puppy must be left longer than they can manage, use a safe longer-term confinement setup or arrange help rather than relying on a closed crate.

More guidance: [whatdogslike.com/resource-library/puppy-crate-training-schedule/](https://whatdogslike.com/resource-library/puppy-crate-training-schedule/) and [whatdogslike.com/best-dog-crates-for-puppies/](https://whatdogslike.com/best-dog-crates-for-puppies/)