

Process: Do 5 reps at a time, and count your successful reps. If you have 4-5 successful reps, increase your criteria. If you have 3 out of 5 that are successful, stay at this level until you hit 4 or 5. If you have less than 3, then lower your criteria.

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STEP 1	<p>With the crate door open AND fixed back with a clip or tie,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - click and treat for any glance at the crate. Toss the treat on the floor further away from the crate and wait for the dog to return towards you. 	/ 5
STEP 2	<p>Click and treat for any movement TOWARDS the crate. Toss the treat on the floor further away from the crate and wait for the dog to return towards you.</p>	/ 5
STEP 3	<p>Click and treat for movement CLOSER to the crate (go in increments of distance).</p>	/ 5
STEP 4	<p>Click and treat for 1 paw in the crate, two paws in the crate, etc., being sure to reward IN the crate and then tossing a treat away to reset.</p>	/ 5
STEP 5	<p>Click and treat IN crate for all four paws in the crate.</p>	/ 5
STEP 6	<p>When your dog enters the crate on the next repetition, cue a SIT or a DOWN (whichever your dog knows best). Click and treat.</p>	/ 5
STEP 7	<p>When your dog enters the crate on the next set, WAIT for a SIT or a DOWN to happen on its own. If this criteria doesn't happen, do a few more reps of this step.</p>	/ 5
STEP 8	<p>When your dog is entering the crate on cue and then sitting or lying down automatically, remove the tie-back of the gate door and start swinging the door shut for a second, then opening and releasing your dog.</p>	/ 5
STEP 9	<p>Increase the time spent in the crate gradually, first by seconds, then by minutes, working up to longer periods with a puzzle toy inside. Make sure he/she is crated for at-home and not-at-home times so it becomes a comfortable place.</p>	/ 5