



Setting up a play pen will set your puppy up for success. Anytime your puppy is loose in your house, he should be under active supervision - someone is either interacting with the puppy or the puppy is tethered to someone with a leash. When your puppy is not under active supervision, he should be confined to his play pen. He will have a safe and secure space where he can play and you will have the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your puppy is safe and not chewing up inappropriate items or going potty in the house. More freedom comes as your puppy grows and can hold his bladder longer.

- Set up your puppy play pen in a central location of your home with easy access to his outside potty area.
- Set up a potty zone in the play pen so that your puppy will have a place to eliminate if you are not available to take him outside. Remember, puppies are only able to hold their bladder for 1/2 to 1 hour per month of age.
- Dogs do not like to eat or sleep where they have soiled. Make sure that your play pen is large enough to allow for space between these areas.
- Make sure that your puppy always has access to clean water. Distribute his food between multiple toys to keep him busy and keep his mind active.
- Hide lots of yummy treats in his crate so that he finds it fun and exciting.

