

Crating your Dog

Here is a little story I'd like to share to tell you about crating:

Our Border Collie, Easy, will open our refrigerator when we are not home! So one day I was outside helping my husband and Easy got into the fridge and snuck out a can of cat food that I had opened that morning and left the top on. Well, he got the top of the can caught in his mouth with his tongue under the lid! Thank God the can was one of the larger cans of food, he got it stuck with his mouth open or he would have been able to pull it and tear his tongue up and probably bleed to death. We were able, with help from our Lord Jesus, to save him before anything worse happened and all went well.

Ever since then, we usually crate him we are not in the house. Crates are a wonderful tool, when used in moderation; for short times. It is cruel to use a crate for a puppy for 8 to 14 hours as the owner is away at work. If you crate, please do it according to the age and temperament of the dog.

Small tidbit: One of my clients told that Baby's R Us had a refrigerator lock for children. The lock works well, as long as we remember to use it!