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|             | <b>Crate Training Shaping Plan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
|             | <b>Goal behaviour- For the dog to go into their crate and be calm while door is closed for a period of 15 minutes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |
|             | Use the Push Drop Stick criteria for this exercise: do FIVE reps at a time. Count your successful reps. If you have 4 or 5 successful reps increase your criteria, if you have 3 out of five stay at this level til you hit 4 or 5, if you have less than three you need to lower your criteria.                                                                 |            |
|             | Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |
| <b>Step</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>#/5</b> |
| 1           | With Crate door open and FIXED open with a clip or tie, click and treat for any glance at the crate. Toss the treat on the floor further away from the crate and wait for dog to return towards person.                                                                                                                                                          |            |
| 2           | Click and treat for any movement TOWARDS the crate, toss treat away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
| 3           | Click and treat for movement closer to crate (go in increments of distance)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |
| 4           | Click and treat for one foot in the crate, two feet in the crate etc, rewarding IN the crate and then tossing a treat away to reset.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
| 5           | Click and treat IN CRATE for four feet in crate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |
| 6           | When dog enters crate on next repetition cue a sit or down (whichever your dog knows best) Click and treat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
| 7           | When dog enters crate on next set, WAIT for a sit or down to happen on it's own. If this criteria does not happen do another few reps of #7                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |
| 8           | When dog is entering crate on cue, then sitting or lying down automatically. Remove the tieback of the gate door and start swinging the door shut for a second, opening and release the dog.                                                                                                                                                                     |            |
| 9           | Gradually increase the time in the crate before the release first by counting in seconds, then minutes, working up to longer periods where you give the dog something to chew on (a bully chew or whatever). Make sure that they are crated for times when you are home as well as when you are not home so it becomes a comfortable place for them to hang out. |            |
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*Where the Conversation Begins*