

Being relaxed when alone (in crate or pen or loose in a room)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNHyMgsZ5QE>

Pen should be a place to chill on his own. For duration use frozen treat dispensers/food puzzles and treats hidden around the pen.

PURPOSEFUL TRAINING: (Staying in pen without a distraction item)

Start with X-pen that has the door (or section) open

Click/treat for coming in the pen with me (drop treat away from the gating)

'Good' for staying in the pen (can drop treats on his bed to encourage resting) as I step out

Pick pup up and have him see me drop treats on his bed, then let him go get them (me out of pen)

Do the above from farther away

"Good' for staying in when I pivot/turn my back to him

Build up to a few seconds of duration

I take a step away and right back

I take 2 steps away

I sit near the pen doing something else

With gate closed

When I go out of sight for ½ of a second

Out Of Sight (OOS) for 1 sec.

OOS for 2 sec.

Gradually increase duration with variable intervals

Add going out the exterior door starting with brief times.

Add going out the door with other dogs

Gate: Teaching pup to respect a gate/barrier

Let pup investigate the gate that is flat on the floor

Let pup see gate being put up

C/T for being on his side (can put his bed on his side)

Deliver one treat every second with T&T

Gradually increase duration with variable intervals as pup is relaxed and quiet

Sit on other side of the gate and work on computer or read a book

Gradually increase duration with variable intervals

Work on increasing duration of being out of sight as with X-pen training. If pup comes over the gate, have T&T deliver several treats that are now on the other side of the gate.

Repeat with distractions on my side of the gate

Repeat with crate