

PREPPING YOUR DOG'S RECOVERY SUITE



The recovery suite can be a crate, ex pen, wire crate, etc. This one is a wire crate that has 3 doors and it opens on the front, the side and the top to give easy access to the dog from any angle. It is as wide as the dog's length and it's 1.5 times the length of the dog's body. This way the dog can stretch and change positions easily, without having extra room to do too much too soon.



Put a comfortable memory foam mattress or egg shape bed inside a trash bag. Close it and put a human pee pad (dog pee pads can be scented and stimulate dogs to dig and rip them) on top. Cover it all with a fleece blanket. This setup will prevent the mattress from getting wet with urine if the dog is incontinent and will make things easy to clean up in case of accidents.



Attach a bowl to the side of the crate so the dog always has access to water without the risk of tipping the bowl and spilling the water. Make sure the bowl is head height: too high will cause the dog to stretch its neck and too low will cause the dog to lower its neck. If the dog has a neck herniation, that could be painful. Roll up a towel or blanket to give the dog a comfortable spot to rest its head and this will also reduce the space a bit so the dog doesn't move too much.



The dog should have just enough space to lie down, with legs fully stretched out and change positions.



The perfect amount of room.



A comfortable and well-prepped recovery suite will provide a safe environment for your dog to heal. Dogs actually like their crates. They are their dens and safe places.

Start crate training your dog today:

<http://www.dodgerslist.com/literature/EmergencyCrate%20Training.htm>

And learn how to clicker train your dog:

<http://www.dodgerslist.com/literature/clickertrain.pdf>