

Remove and Return a Dog from a Crate



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Equipment list:

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Equipment for this station:

- Model dog
- Dog crate
- Slip lead

Considerations for this station:

- Before approaching a live dog, assess the dog's temperament and decide if a muzzle should be applied. Refer to instruction booklet 'CSL_D02 Fitting a Muzzle'.
- See 'CSL_D06 Using a Slip Lead' for details on how to correctly apply a slip lead.

Anyone working in the Clinical Skills Lab must read the 'CSL_I01 Induction' and agree to abide by the 'CSL_I00 House Rules' & 'CSL_I02 Lab Area Rules'

Please inform a member of staff if equipment is damaged or about to run out.

Clinical Skills:

Removing a Dog from a Crate



Before removing a dog from a crate, assess the dog's behaviour and temperament to determine if it is safe to approach. If in doubt, ask a colleague to assess the dog and possibly assist.

N.B. Check the booklet 'CSL_D06 Using a Slip Lead' for information on how to prepare, apply, adjust and secure a slip lead.



If it is safe to do so, crouch down next to the crate. Ensure the dog is aware of your presence, e.g. by speaking quietly to the dog.



Unlatch the door.



Open the door slightly, so your body blocks the exit and the dog can not push past you and escape. You should be in a crouched position, so you can move quickly and easily if necessary. Do not sit on the floor.



While the dog is still in the crate and while still blocking the exit with your body: Apply the slip lead, adjust the loop to the correct size and then secure with the stopper.



Open the door fully and stand up, then let the dog leave the crate, keeping a secure hold on the lead..



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Clinical Skills:

Returning a Dog to a Crate



Keeping a firm hold on the lead, encourage the dog to enter the crate. You may want to place a treat in the cage.



Crouch down and half close the door, so your body is blocking the exit. Keep a firm hold of the lead.



Remove the slip lead, with your body still blocking the door to prevent the dog from escaping.



Close the door and secure the latch/es.



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Resetting the station:

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1. Return the model and the booklet to where it was when you started the practical.

Station ready for the next person:



Please inform a member of staff if equipment is damaged or about to run out.

I wish I'd known:

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- When crouching down next to a dog, it's important to be able to stand up quickly, in case the dog lunges towards you.
- There is often more than one latch on a crate; double check when opening and remember to secure each when closing!