

Success Stations

A **SUCCESS STATION** is any designated spot that a dog is limited to so that they have **no options but to succeed**. This spot must be introduced in a positive manner and is for **limited periods of time**. This handout will cover 3 types of success stations new and expecting families may find helpful as they include their family dogs.

TETHER



TETHERING is a great way to include dogs in the daily routines once baby arrives. Many new moms feel more comfortable with their dog in their success station. Caretakers are able to move around and toss treats while the dog is able to observe the baby without any type of physical barrier

CRATE



CRATES can be wonderful cozy condos for dogs. There are many types of crates and I encourage you to find the right fit for your dog. Crating is a great option for dogs sometimes. I do encourage you to consider your dog's emotional state while in the crate. Often a crate does not allow us to observe how our dog is handling situations.

GATE



GATES can really come in handy at times to set up a boundary for children and dogs. Please consider the type of gate that you get. Many dogs can easily push the pedal or push gates open with their nose. I like the pressure-locked plain wood gates. I can step over them and I am positive it is in place when I lock it.

This handout briefly describes three of the options that we recommend. If you need other choices, please do not hesitate to contact us. There are many creative ways we have helped families succeed over the years!