

playpen-where he can rest and chew appropriate items in your absence. There are many options for your "doggie den," but a crate or small room in your house is ideal. However, you may also choose an outside kennel run. Initially you *must* be around to gently redirect your dog when he chooses an inappropriate activity. If you are vigilant about supervising our dog and showing him what you expect, your dog *will learn* to settle down quietly, to chew only appropriate chew toys and eventually to become trustworthy in your absence.

**Remember: always try to build *good* habits, because good habits are as hard to break as bad ones.**