



## Pup Program Crating Policy

Other than puppies sleeping through the night in their crates, Guiding Eyes puppies **less than 5 months of age** can be crated or confined for a maximum of **4 consecutive hours**. Puppies **older than 5 months of age** can be crated or confined a **maximum of 6 consecutive hours**.

Generally speaking, a puppy can control his bladder one hour for every month of age. For example, if your puppy is two months old, he may be able to maintain control for about two hours. Puppies are little and so are their bladders.

In general, older puppies can “last” 6 hours without eliminating, but it is important to remember that each dog is different. If you must leave your Guiding Eyes puppy crated or confined for extended periods of time beyond the above criteria, you can enlist a friend or family member to give your puppy his breaks. Special training is not a requirement for someone who is offering to help, but we’re sure you’ll want to provide some helpful hints to your helper(s) so that your pup maintains good manners leaving the crate.

For all raisers, this policy is included in the Puppy Raising Agreement. If an occasion arises that will prevent you from following the crating policy, please discuss with your Region Coordinator.

We appreciate your continued support of the STEP program.