Dog Crate Size Chart

Measure your dog, add 3 to 4 inches to the length and height, and pick a crate whose **interior** is at least that big. If your dog falls between two sizes, go up a size.

How to measure

1. **Length:** with your dog standing, measure from the tip of the nose to the tail. Measuring to the tip of the tail (AKC) gives a roomier result than the base of the tail (most crate makers).
2. **Height:** measure from the floor to the top of the head (or upright ear tips) while standing. Check sitting height too and use the larger number.
3. **Add clearance:** add 3 to 4 inches to each measurement, as the AKC recommends.
4. **Check interior size:** crates are named by outside length. The space inside is smaller, especially in plastic kennels.

Crate size by dog weight

Crate size	Dog weight	Example breeds
24"	Up to 25 lb	Chihuahua, Pug, Shih Tzu
28"–30"	25–40 lb	Beagle, Cocker Spaniel, French Bulldog
32"–36"	40–70 lb	Border Collie, Australian Shepherd, Bulldog
40"	70–90 lb	Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, Boxer
48"	90 lb and up	German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Great Dane

Source: Petmate indoor kennel buyer's guide. Weight ranges are a starting point and overlap between brands; very small dogs may fit an 18" or 22" crate, and giant breeds may need more than 48". Your tape measure has the final say.

Is it the right fit?

Too small
Ducks to stand, bumps the sides turning around, can't stretch out lying down.

Too big (puppies)
Room to soil one end and sleep at the other. Use a divider panel and move it back as they grow.

Just right
Stands, turns and lies flat on their side with a few inches to spare.

My dog's numbers:

Length: _____ in Height: _____ in Crate needed: _____ in

Sources: American Kennel Club (crate sizing and crate training), Petmate (kennel size chart). Research-based guide; PawSifted did not measure dogs or crates. Free to print and share in adoption packets and classes. Full guide with travel kennel sizes and puppy tips: **pawsifted.com/dog-crate-size-chart**