

How to enter a cage

- Do not enter a cage without authorization. Before opening the door, do not call the dog's name or talk to them, as we want them to remain calm and relaxed: we want to avoid them escaping from the cage or biting us out of excitement as we enter.
- If you do not feel comfortable entering a cage by yourself, ask for help from someone in charge or an authorized volunteer, in order to avoid the dogs escaping by accident
- Entering the cage should be calm and decisive. Open the door as little as possible and use your body to block the dogs from escaping.
- Once you're inside, make sure the door is closed and then sit down with the dogs in the cage: to do this, try to calm the dogs first. We recommend ignoring them until they stop jumping or biting out of excitement. If this doesn't work, grab the dog with your hands so they cannot jump on you. Once they sit down, we can pet them or brush them.

Do NOT:

- Give treats or other food, this way we avoid fights or accidental injury
- Put toys in the cage, this way we avoid fights or possible choking if they try to eat the toy.