Pet Door Buyer's Guide

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Convenience for you

You'll no longer have to play doorman for your dog every time he needs to go out. The up, down, back and forth routine of letting your dog in and out all day interrupts more of your time than you probably realize. And, you can sleep in on Saturday morning instead of waking up at 6:00 a.m. to a panting dog who needs to go out.

Comfort for your pet

Pets that are home alone all day while you're at work, have to "hold it" for a long time, which can be very uncomfortable at the very least.

Fewer accidents

Puppies and older pets, in particular, have a much harder time controlling their bladders for extended periods. Free access to the outdoors may eliminate the mess and odors of accidents in your home.

Exercise

Most pets don't get nearly the amount of exercise they need. Access to the outdoors where they can run and play helps keep pets active, trim, and healthy.

Save your door

Scratch marks from a dog wanting to go out or come in can ruin the appearance of your doors.

Healthy mental stimulation

The sights, sounds, and smells of the outdoors provide excellent mental stimulation to keep dogs acting younger and more alert.

Reduces boredom - related problem behavior

Bored or stressed pets often display behavior problems like chewing on furniture, tearing up pillows, or getting into food or other forbidden places.

EASY installation

Anyone can install a pet door - even the most "non-handy" person. All you need is a jigsaw and a screwdriver. The cutout templates and step-by-step instructions walk you through the simple process and you can have a new dog door in as little as an hour. Do you have a sliding door? Our patio panels are even easier to install - and there is no cutting necessary.

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For some reason, pet doors are one of those products people tend to overlook or not consider. But they really are a huge convenience, and people who do have them, love them. Today's doors have multiple locking options so you can have total control over your pets' access, plus they are made with energy-efficient seals to keep the weather out.

If you have a fence, an electronic boundary system, or some type of outdoor containment (many pet owners have a pet door leading to an outside kennel), a pet door provides many benefits you and your pet are sure to appreciate.

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