

Pet Door Considerations

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Pet doors open a new world of freedom for both you and your pet. You'll no longer have to play doorman for your dog every time he needs to go out. You can give your cat private access to her food or litter box. Or, you can provide your pet with access to a confined outdoor play space while you're away. Before adding a pet door to your home, consider the following:

- **Pet size** - Measure your dog while he's standing to determine the door height and width you need, and be sure to consider the weight rating for each individual door. [PetSafe Freedom Aluminum Dog Doors](#), for example, are available in four sizes - for pets from 15-220 lbs.
- **Location** - While pet doors are most frequently installed in standard wooden doors, some pet doors, such as the [Large Cat/Small Dog Door](#), may be installed in windows, screens, or walls. You can even add the [PetSafe Patio Panel](#) to a sliding door. Choose a door that fits your desired location.
- **Level of security** - Today's doors have multiple locking options so you can have total control over your pet's access. The [PetSafe SmartDoor](#) requires your pet to wear a SmartKey, which he alone can use to enter or exit the door, while other models feature 4-way directional locking and/or metal security panels.
- **Type of seal** - Many models include energy-efficient seals to keep the weather out and climate control in. Look for energy efficient models that feature an airtight door with a secure magnetic closure - saving you energy and money.

A pet door will maximize convenience for you and your pet.