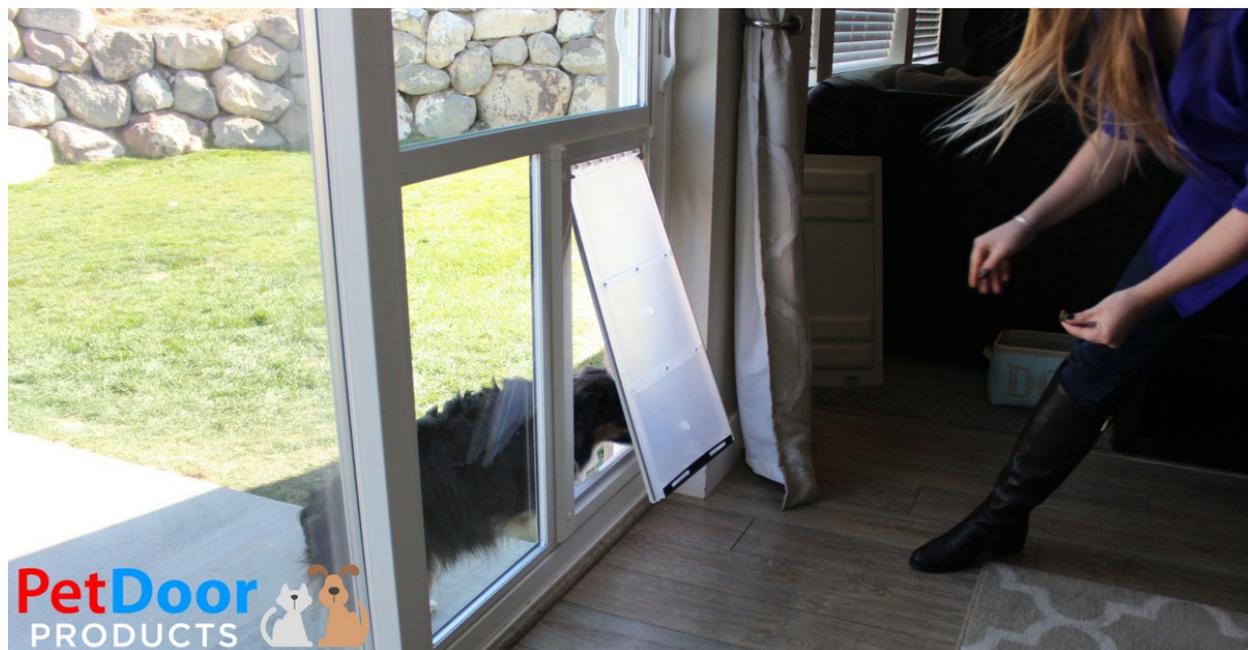


# How to Train a Dog or Cat to Use a Pet Door

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Your home is a place for all your loved ones to relax and enjoy. Since your furry friends are just as much a part of your family, it's important to make sure they are just as comfortable. A pet door is an integral part of this comfort, as it allows your dog or cat to roam

To assist you in helping your furry family get settled in with a new pet door we've provided tips on how to train your dog to use a dog door and how to train your cat to use a cat door.

## Use The Right Size Pet Flap

You don't want your pet to get stuck, so before installing your pet door it's a good idea to make sure that your furry friend will fit through it. With Pet Door Products DIY guide to measuring your pet door you can learn how to properly and easily install our technologically advanced doors and flaps.

## Introduce the Pet Door to Your Dog or Cat

To help your pet learn to use their new door, it's important to stay consistent with your training. Start by gently introducing your pet to the flap of the door. Then hold the door open all the way, and call your pet's name. If your pet is successful, be sure to shower them with praise. As you practice, gradually hold the door open less and less until they go through without any help. If all else fails, use some treats to lure them through the door. Once they understand how to get out, repeat the process to teach them to go back in.

## Stick to A Time Limit

Stick to a 10-minute time limit for training your pet with the new door. If you're spending too long trying to train your pet, they can get fatigued and frustrated.

## Avoid Using Force

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Never use force or shove your pet through the door for the following reasons:

- Using force unexpectedly will frighten your pet
- Your pet may understandably associate that fear with the door itself
- Once fear and the door are linked, your pet will be terrified to go near it ever again

Reinforcement works wonders during training. Whether you use treats, ear scratches, verbal praise or some other form of affection, it will pay off so long as you don't commit the cardinal sin of using force while training.

## Remain Patient

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Remaining patient is another crucial component of how to train a dog or cat to use a pet door. Every pet is different and your dog or cat may need some extra time getting comfortable with his or her new door. Rushing through the process can confuse or upset them, so be sure not to push or shove them through the door.

## Get Your Pet the Best from Pet Door Products

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Following these steps and keeping your training brief, efficient, and lighthearted will help familiarize your pet with their new door and ensure that they are comfortable using it. To learn more about how Pet Door Products can help you better accommodate your cat or dog, [click here to see how it works](#) or [contact us today](#).