

# Pros and Cons of Installing a Dog Door

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A dog door is a great asset for families with pets. Today's energy-efficient pet door models include a sliding door with dog door, window-mount pet door, permanent wall-mount dog doors, and exterior door-mount dog doors. Locking security covers allow people to control your pet entry when desired. The advanced Pet Door Products available now significantly improve life for pets and their human families. In determining whether to install a pet entry, you should consider the advantages *and* disadvantages listed below.

## Pros and Cons of Dog Door Installation

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Having a pet door is a game-changer for your dog or cat and your entire family of people who take turns tending to the door for pets who need and want to go in and out frequently. Here are some of the key considerations in making the decision to add a pet entry to your home:

### PROS

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**Healthier Conditions for a Domestic Animal:** A pet door gives your pet new freedom, no longer forced to wait, possibly for long hours, and beg at the door until someone lets him or her out to use the bathroom.

**Gives Your Pet A Better Quality Of Life:** Your dog or cat can freely frolic outdoors, relax and stretch out on your porch, deck, or lawn and bask in the warm sunshine. He/she can roll around gleefully in the cool green grass and take in the fresh air and many other lovely pleasures of the great outdoors.

**You're Free From Tending the Door:** You're finally free from the continuous interruptions for the task of opening the door for your dog or cat every time he/she needs or wants to go out or come in.

**Cleaner Living Environment:** When pets can play outdoors it means reduced shedding and general messiness indoors. Also, dogs may have accidents on the floor because of not being able to go outside for too long. Urine and feces stains, odors, and collective traces of bacteria in carpets, rugs, and furniture can be difficult to control over the long term.

**Energy Efficient Pet Door:** There is no sacrifice of heating and cooling costs in your home from having an energy-efficient pet door. Industry-leading Pet Door Products are engineered for maximum resistance to heat transfer.

## CONS

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**Altering the Home's Structure:** Installing a pet door requires cutting a hole in a wall or door to put in access for the dog. (Fortunately, today's state-of-the-art window insert pet doors enable pets to enter and exit without altering a home's structure.)

**Heating and Cooling Loss:** Having a pet door makes it easier for hot and warm air to escape and for heat and cold to emanate through the dog door flap, which increases electricity costs. (Pet Door Products energy-efficient pet doors with weather seal, magnetic closers, Low-E sliding glass panel, vinyl framing, and Endura Flap pet door cover minimize heat transfer.)

**Wild Animals or Criminals Can Enter:** Strays, wild animals, and criminals can enter a home through a large dog door. (Today's slide locking security doors for dog doors enable you to fully control the pet entry as desired.)

## So, Are Dog Doors a Good Idea, or Not?

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Pet doors are proven to upgrade the quality of life for dogs, cats, and people, by affording domestic pets the freedom to come and go without having to deal with an access problem. With both permanent and temporary pet door models available, today's options offer every homeowner and renter the opportunity to enjoy the exceptional convenience of a pet door.

So, there's no longer a reason to suggest that pet doors may not be suitable for every home. All dogs and cats need the freedom to go to the bathroom without waiting a long time, and they deserve to enjoy being outdoors. People should have the freedom to live without the relentless job of manning the door.

## Best Dog Doors and Installation

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Pet Door Products offers the best energy-efficient pet doors on the market today. Our advanced pet doors are built directly into your sliding glass door for a beautiful sleek look. The weather-tight seal, Low-E glass, and durable, energy-efficient framing deliver long-

term high performance.

**For more information about our energy-efficient dog door, call Pet Door Products at (801) 973-8000, or contact us online anytime!**

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