

Keep Your Pet Secure from Rain: The Best Rain-Proof Pet Doors

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If you have a dog door, you've been enjoying your new life and so has your dog. You're free from serving as the constant door attendant for your dog, and your dog is free from being stuck waiting to be let out to use the bathroom or go out to play or just enjoy a little nap in the fresh air. You've made a great lifestyle investment, but there may be a needed improvement over your current dog door if you've discovered that a lot of water is getting inside your home during rainy weather. Here's some information to save you if you're dealing with a watery mess on rainy days.

A rain-proof dog door can be an especially important innovation during the spring rainy season. An effectively insulated pet door protects your home from rain entering, minimizes your home's heating and cooling losses in cold weather, and reduces energy waste and excessive utility costs.

Best Pet Door for Cold Weather?

What should you look for to get the best rain-proof pet door? In addition to pet door insulation, make sure your dog door has the features that prevent the weather elements from entering your home, for example:

Double Flap: The average pet cannot compete in performance to a double flap model. By contrast, the dual-flap design is incomparably energy-efficient. It helps stop cold winds, blowing dust, and driving rain from invading your home through the pet access door. A double-flap pet door is designed to cause an insulative air pocket between your home's interior and the outside air that blocks rain and cold wet air from surging in.

Airtight Flap Seal: Specially designed little magnetics help the best pet doors provide airtight protective shields to keep homes warm and dry during the cold and rainy seasons. The key to preventing moisture from coming through the pet door is an airtight seal. But, not all pet doors have magnetic flaps that seal airtight. Choose a pet door with flaps that have a magnetic system that firmly seals all sides of the door opening.

Best Magnet System: All flaps with magnetic closers are not equal. Some magnet systems work better than others to deliver a tighter seal. When your pet enters or exits through the dog door, the magnetics should instantly pull the door sides snugly together and keep the flap closed firmly even in high winds and driving rain.

Not All Rain-Proof Dog Doors are the Same

Some dog doors may offer average rain-proofing features, but here are some typical issues you can avoid with a top-quality pet door:

Very Lightweight Flaps. Some smaller dogs and cats need a lightweight flap because more substantial flaps are too heavy for them to push open comfortably. This problem can become more serious when large dogs and much smaller pets (like a small cat, for example) are sharing one pet door. Underweight pet door flaps also do not seal firmly enough to prevent rain from being windblown into the home around the sides and bottom of the door. For smaller pets, it can help to eliminate one or more magnets to compromise between the pets' accessibility and weather-blocking efficiency. Another option is to install an additional, much smaller, pet door in another location for the smallest pets.

Poor Magnet System: Does your existing pet door have mounting spaces for enough magnets to make the door function well in severe weather? If not, consider an upgrade that accommodates additions and subtractions of magnets as needed seasonally in your climate.

Electric Pet Door Controls: Some electrically controlled pet doors are not designed to function ideally when coming in direct contact with rough weather elements. Choose an electric pet door that is well sealed around all of its electrical components so that rainwater, snow, and ice. Endura Flap provides the best pet door weatherproofing. Wind, dust, yard debris, insect parts, or other environmental elements cannot interfere with the unit's proper functioning or become a safety concern.

The electrical components of pet doors are typically sealed. But, especially in cases of manufacturing issues, long-term severe climate exposure, or pet doors deteriorating due to insufficient care, there is the potential for rainwater or other elements to damage the wiring. One solution is to install a small protective awning over the pet door.

Superior Rain-Proof Pet Door from Pet Door Products

We offer the best pet door for cold weather. One of the advanced features of the famous Endura Flap is its adjustable magnets that enable you to control the magnetizing force of the door closure. It's just one of the advantages that make this unique design today's state-of-the-art dog door. It is available for sliding glass doors and all other standard mounting types for various locations in your home.

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