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YOU & YOUR PET  
PET DOORS



does your  
**cat** or **dog**  
get the  
**freedom?**  
they need !



### Does my pet need a Pet Door?

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Pet Doors provide your pet with a portal between two different environments, indoors and outdoors. This provides pets with a greater freedom of choice and extends the area over which they can self-exercise and explore. Pets benefit from increased exercise, fresh air and opportunities to investigate, fulfilling innate requirements and stimulating them psychologically.

Sometimes it is not a good idea to allow your pet unsupervised access into your garden. If your garden is not secure then there is a danger that your dog could escape and put itself and others in danger. If you live near busy roads you may decide to keep your cat indoors at all times to eliminate the chance of it becoming involved in a road traffic accident. If cats are kept indoors all of the time then owners have an obligation to provide them with a stimulating environment.



“Pet Doors provide pets with a greater freedom of choice”



“Your pet will benefit physically and psychologically from the freedom”

### Why should I use a Pet Door?

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Undoubtedly your pet will benefit physically and psychologically from the freedom that a Pet Door can offer them. Pet Doors generally provide different degrees of freedom, depending if your pet is a cat or a dog. Cats generally use Pet Doors to access an area which may extend beyond the boundaries of their ‘territory’ or garden into their ‘home-range’ or neighbourhood. Dogs generally only use a Pet Door if their owners have secured the boundaries of their garden.

Acceptable behaviour outdoors is not necessarily acceptable behaviour indoors and it is important that our pets can differentiate between the two environments. Pets don’t learn to toilet outside, they just get into the habit of toileting outside.



### How do Pet Doors work?

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Pet Doors are pushed open by pets and do not require constant authorisation from the owner. This potentially allows the pet access to the garden whenever they want it, avoiding toileting accidents and therefore relieving the owner from constant supervision.

Many Pet Doors have settings that can control a pet’s exit or entrance inside a home. These can be manually set by the owner or could be activated by a device carried by the pet.

Pet Doors can save energy too because they are small, generally positioned close to the floor and are only open for the instant that the pet is passing through them.





## What types of Pet Door are available?

- 4-Way Locking Pet Doors have the ability to allow open, in only, out only or locked settings.
- Some Pet Doors have closing panels which attach to the internal frame of the Pet Door, effectively sealing it. These are sometimes known as 2-Way Pet Doors.
- Some selective entry Pet Doors also have 4-Way locking but the pets carry a device which authorises their entry. Selective entry systems may utilise either magnetic or infra-red keys attached to a collar or the pets identification microchip. Intruding cats are a significant cause of stress for resident cats. Selective entry cat flaps keep out unauthorised intruders, preserving the resident cat's core territory within the home.
- Pet Doors come in a variety of sizes, colours and profiles to fit into doors, windows or sliding glass doors. Tunnel extensions are available for some Pet Doors so that they can be fitted into walls.



## The Microchip petporte smart flap®

The Microchip petporte smart flap is the most technologically advanced type of selective entry cat flap. Activated only by the cat's own microchip, it denies access to all other intruders - plus no collar needs to be worn. Additional features and settings allow owners to keep their cats in at specific times.

**Night mode** uses a built-in light sensor which activates in-only access for authorised cats at dusk and automatically allows free access at dawn. This keeps cats in at night and reduces the risk of them becoming involved in road traffic accidents.

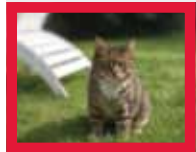




### What are the advantages of a Pet Door?

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- Busy owners can allow their pets freedom to self exercise and explore.
- Owners can set the access characteristics of the Pet Door: open, in only, out only or locked.
- Once set, the pet can access the Pet Door without the owner's constant authorisation.
- Pet Doors reduce heat loss because they are small, are shut most of the time and are low to the ground.
- Pet Doors can be fitted to internal doors or cages to create sanctuaries for individual pets.
- Pet Doors can be locked or use selective entry to prevent unauthorised animals intruding into the home.



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## When should I not use a Pet Door?

- Dogs should not use a Pet Door if their garden is not secure.
- If a cat's safety will be compromised by going outside then it should not use a Pet Door.

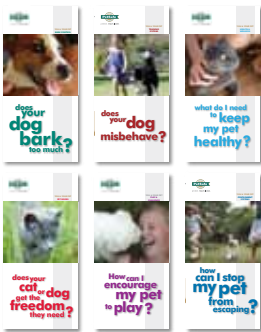


“Pet Doors can be fitted to doors, walls or windows”

## Introducing your pet to a Pet Door

Once a Pet Door is fitted it is a good idea to allow your pet to gradually become familiar with it. Start by propping the door open or fitting the frame but leaving the door out. Tempt your pet through the opening using food treats, don't force it or they may become scared of the door.

Once they are comfortable doing this, un-prop the door or fit the door into the frame. Before long your pet will be speeding through their own personal door.



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