



**WARNING: TODDLERS AND CHILDREN CAN FIT THROUGH PET DOORS AND MAY ESCAPE OUTSIDE UNATTENDED.**

\*Now you have purchased your pet door, you'll have to decide whether you're going to install it yourself or have someone do it for you. Proper installation is a prerequisite for the weather tight seal. If you have the tools and the experience, self-installation is the cheapest way to go. If you don't the extra cost of having your dog door professionally installed may be well worth the convenience, as well as peace of mind in knowing it's done properly and securely.

**Freedom Pet Pass Door Mount Installation Tips: (install video online)**  
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Remove security panel pin and place on black panel knob. Holding the frame together at the top, remove security panel by sliding the security panel up, tipping the bottom out and sliding panel down and out. Remove lower Philips drive screw at bottom.

Decide the proper height to install your pet door (see Freedom Pet Pass sizing tips). To install the pet door ergonomically correct in height the top of the Pet Opening of the pet door should be an inch to an inch and a half higher than your tallest pet at the shoulders. Your pet(s) should not crouch down or jump up to pass thru the pet opening. Use arrows on frame with flap to draw cut lines for rough cut opening.

*Note:* Do not mount pet door too low on your door. This may damage the structural integrity of your door.

*Note:* Before making the rough-cut opening verify with your door in place the lines are level to ensure a watertight seal with our flap system when the pet door is mounted.

Once the hole for the pet door is cut check for fit. Measure the door thickness accurately from the rough cut opening. Doors thicker than 1 3/4" up to 1 7/8" may not require the white compression gasket / frame seal attached to the inside frame. Caulk should be used in its place to seal inside pet door frame to your home door.

1. The outside frame with the flap has a black sponge rubber tape added as a compression gasket. A small bead of exterior caulk appropriate for your climate should be added around the perimeter of the flange where it meets your door. Caulk is used to fill indentations in raised panel doors. See online video for taping instructions.
2. With your home door mounted in place, apply the pet door frame (the frame with the flap) into your home door from the outside.
3. Place the steel locking pin into pin hole at top of inside frame (frame with screw holes) and into pin receiver on the exterior threshold box. Start at the bottom screw hole where the screw was removed in step one and re-screw back into original hole in threshold frame. This will ensure proper alignment of frames. Add the rest of the screws provided to grip the new pet door to your exterior door. Do not over tighten screws.

*Note:* For a cleaner installation use a wood shim to remove excess caulk after it has cured. A wood shim is less likely to cause scratches on the surface you are cleaning.

The PVC frame accepts plastic spray paints to color coordinate the color of the PVC frame to your door. For best results properly prepare the PVC frame to accept a plastics spray paint to prevent blemishes. Consult a paint expert if you are unsure as to priming PVC.

If you do not feel comfortable installing a self-framing door mount dog door we suggest asking a handy friend or hiring licensed contractor to install this custom application for you.

## Freedom Pet Pass Do's and Do not's

**Do not use the security panel to lock your pets out. Damage to the flap system may occur from dogs with a strong desire to re-enter their home.**

Do not allow leashed pets to pass through the dog door. The leash can tangle up in the flap system.

Do not force your dog through the pet flap when training it to use the pet door. This will shy them away even more from using it.

Do lift and temporarily tie the outside black U shaped flap seal up out of the way using a string. This will introduce their new access location in a simpler way. To encourage your pet to use the dog door, reward with treats and praise. After they have become familiar with the new passage remove the string and allow the magnetic seal to provide comfort to your home.

Do not rely solely on the chew guard to prevent a mischievous pet from chewing the magnetically lined jam. The chew guard simply reduces the damage a pet may cause.

Do use a powerful anti-chewing product to completely prevent a mischievous pet from chewing. Dried ground Habanera pepper sprinkled sparingly in a smudge of Vaseline and applied to the inside of the black flap seal between the magnets has proven to help. Consult with your veterinarian first before applying.

Do remove debris from magnets with a dry rag once a month for optimal sealing.

Do use a non-detergent cleanser (Woolite) and a soft scrub brush to remove dirt from the canvas coated pet flap.

Do not allow children to use the dog door.

Do expect an energy-efficient seal and a happy pet if you follow these simple instructions.

## Pet Door Training Tips

Finally, you have your new pet door installed! However, your pet will not instantly know what it is, or how to use it. You may have to teach them how. Be prepared for it to take some time. Many pets learn to use pet doors within a very short time. But others, especially timid or anxious dogs, might take a little longer. Be patient, don't rush it, don't over train (short sessions two or three times a day at most) and above all don't force your pet to pass thru, This will shy them away even more from using it.

The traditional method of training a pet to use a pet door is really just a matter of showing the pet the door opening, slowly opening the flap when someone else calls the pet from the opposite side of the opening enticing them to pass through it. Of course, when they do come through, reward them with a treat, and spend a few minutes petting and playing with them before repeating the exercise. Many pets will catch on in just a few minutes. Others will take a day or two. For the slower learners, lift and temporarily tie the outside black U shaped flap seal up out of the way using a string. This will introduce their new access location in a simpler way. To encourage your pet to use the dog door, reward with treats and praise. After they have become familiar with the new passage remove the string and allow the magnetic flap seal to provide comfort to your home.