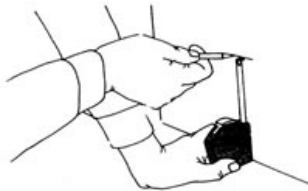




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Installing on a house or garage door



Measure height.

The Heavy Duty Dog Door® and Big Dog Door™ are installed **on the outside** of a house door. **Determine Height** To find correct height of the hole for your dog, measure the belly height of your pet. (Average installation is six to twelve inches.) Mark the height in pencil on one side of your door.

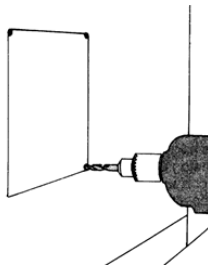
Drilling and cutting hole
The Heavy Duty Dog Door® hole size is 12-1/2" x 17-1/2". For the Big Dog Door™ the hole size is 16-1/2" x 25-1/2".

Drill half inch in each corner.
Insert jigsaw into drill hole and cut out hole. [See photo 1.](#)

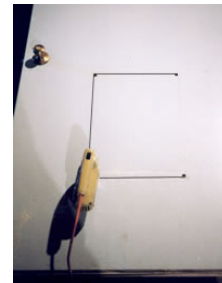
If installing on a steel door, cut hole 6/8" (3/4") larger, glue 3/8" pine, cedar, or plywood strips to inside of the opening. [See photo 2.](#)

[Need pre-cut wood? Order our Pet Door Trim Kit.](#) **If installed on a raised panel door,** cut hole in center of door 6/8" (3/4"). glue 3/8" pine, cedar, or plywood strips to inside of the opening to cover styrofoam and install trim to inside/outside of door surface.

[\(See our Pet Door Trim Kit\)](#)



Draw template/drill 1/2" holes.
Opening 12-1/2" x 17-1/2" on the Heavy Duty Dog Door®, 16-1/2" x 25-1/2" on the Big Dog Door™.



Jigsaw cutting to each (1/2") drilled corners
Photo 1



Cut raised panel door surface same as Photo 1
[\(Order Pet Door Trim Kit\)](#)
Photo 2

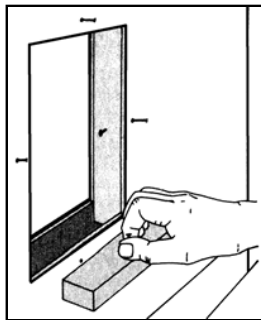


Steel door: Note hole is cut 3/4" (6/8") larger to allow for 3/8" thick wood inserts.
Opening 13-1/4" x 18-1/4" on the Heavy Duty Dog Door®, [\(Order Our Pet Door Trim Kit\)](#)
17-1/4" x 26-1/4" on the Big Dog Door™.
Photo 3

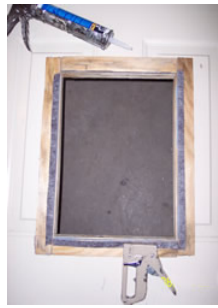
Pet Door Trim Kit



If installing in a hollow core door, use four strips of wood the same width as the hollow between the panels in your door. Position the wood so that they are flush with the edges of the hole. Either glue, nail or screw the strips. Frame the outside/inside hole with (2) inch by (1/4) inch lengths. Again, either glue, nail or screw to door surface as the photos illustrate.



Hollow core reinforcement wood strips



Use silicone caulking around trim kit for add insulation. To quiet door closing staple 5/8" window felt to sides and bottom.

Photo 5



Installed door trim kit.

Photo 6



Frame the inside and outside of the hole on the door – use 3/8" cedar, pine or plywood strips – 1-3/4" or 2" wide.

Photo 4



Heavy Duty Dog Door® installed on a metal door.

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