

Teaching your dog to use the pet door is as easy as

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HINT: It helps to have someone on each side of the door for maximum support and praise for your dog.

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Hold the pet door flap open and invite your dog to come through the door while offering a fantastic treat. (It is good to have your dog on a leash so you can help guide him. **NEVER FORCE** your dog through. This should be a positive experience every step of the way.) As soon as they come through the door give them the treat and praise generously. (Hold the flap open the whole time)

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After your dog is comfortable going through the door with you holding up the flap, allow the flap to gently touch them as they go through the door. Reward generously each time they go through. Let the flap touch them a bit more and earlier each time as they gain confidence.

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When your dog is no longer concerned by the flap touching him, invite your dog to come through by himself. Reward generously.

Remember, each dog's confidence and learning style varies. Keep your teaching sessions short. It could take 10 minutes or a few days before your dog is confident using his door. **BE PATIENT AND POSITIVE.** Take it slow and reward the slightest try. If your dog begins acting stressed or fearful, stop, praise them for trying and take a break. Come back to it later that day or the next day, whatever you feel is best for your dog. (You can phase out the treat as they get the idea and just use one occasionally for re-enforcement during training time). If you have multiple pets, teach the one that will learn it the quickest and he will help teach the others!