

Hale Pet Door

Sizing Guide — Authorized Alabama Dealer

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Most people overestimate how big a pet door they need. Two minutes of measuring will save you money and ensure a comfortable fit for your pet — now and as they age. Hale has been building premium pet doors in the USA since 1985, with eleven standard sizes plus custom sizes at no extra cost — all backed by a lifetime frame warranty.

STEP 1 — THE THREE MEASUREMENTS

Every pet door is defined by three dimensions:

WIDTH	HEIGHT	RISE
Measure your pet at their widest point, then add 1-2 inches. Or open a door just wide enough for them to walk through comfortably and measure that opening.	Measure from the floor to the top of the shoulders (withers). The top of the flap should be 1-2 inches above shoulder height. Do not measure to the top of the head.	The step-over height at the bottom of the door. Should not exceed 1/3 of your dog's shoulder height. If your dog is older or short-legged, request a "no rise" model.

STEP 2 — THE CARDBOARD TEST (RECOMMENDED)

Cut a hole in a large piece of cardboard matching your intended opening size. Hold it in a doorway and call your pet through with a treat. Alternatively, open an interior door to the width you measured and block off the top to simulate flap height. **Your pet will duck their head as they push through — the top of the opening only needs to reach their shoulder, not the top of their head.**

HALE PET DOOR — STANDARD SIZE REFERENCE

Size	Passage Opening	Rough Opening	Tip-to-Tip	Pet Shoulder Ht.	Pet Weight
Small Medium	6½" × 9½"	8½" × 11½"	9 9/16" × 12 9/16"	9-13"	Cats / small dogs up to 10 lbs
Tall Small Med.	6½" × 12½"	8½" × 14½"	9 9/16" × 15 3/8"	12-15"	Small tall dogs 12-25 lbs
Medium	8½" × 12½"	10½" × 14½"	11 9/16" × 15 3/8"	12-15"	Dogs 10-35 lbs

Size	Passage Opening	Rough Opening	Tip-to-Tip	Pet Shoulder Ht.	Pet Weight
Tall Medium	8½" × 16"	10½" × 18"	11 9/16" × 19 1/16"	15-20"	Tall dogs 30-45 lbs
Large	11" × 16"	13" × 18"	14 1/16" × 19 1/16"	15-20"	Dogs 40-55 lbs
Tall Large	11" × 19½"	13" × 21 5/8"	14 1/16" × 22 9/16"	21-24"	Taller dogs 50-95 lbs
Tall Large Plus	11" × 23½"	13" × 25 5/8"	14 1/16" × 26 9/16"	25-27"	Tall slim dogs up to 110 lbs
Extra Tall Large	11" × 27½"	13" × 29 5/8"	14 1/16" × 30 9/16"	24-31"	Very tall dogs up to 120 lbs
Extra Large	14" × 19½"	16" × 21 5/8"	17 1/16" × 22 9/16"	22-24"	Large dogs up to 120 lbs
Extra Large Plus	14" × 23½"	16" × 25 5/8"	17 1/16" × 26 9/16"	25-27"	Larger dogs up to 150 lbs
Giant	15½" × 27½"	17 5/8" × 29 5/8"	18 9/16" × 30 9/16"	25-31"	Giant breeds

Passage Opening is the space your pet walks through. Rough Opening is the hole cut in your door or wall. Tip-to-Tip is the outer frame dimension. Custom sizes available at no extra cost with the same warranty.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING BEFORE YOU ORDER

- **Multi-pet households:** Size for the largest pet. The door must be low enough for the smallest to step over comfortably.
- **Puppies and kittens:** They will grow. Consider sizing up one level if they're under 6 months old.
- **Older dogs:** Arthritis and hip issues make the rise more important over time. When in doubt, request a lower rise or no-rise model.
- **Deep-chested or low-slung breeds:** Bassets, Dachshunds, Corgis — the standard rise can be too high. Request "no rise."
- **Long-haired pets:** They look bigger than they are. Base your measurement on the body, not the coat.

Not sure? Call or text us at **205-982-5196**. We size pet doors every day and can walk you through it in two minutes. Custom sizes ship in the same timeframe as standard sizes — don't force a wrong size just because it's listed in a chart.