Doghouse Plans

Unlike many store-bought doghouses, PETA’s doghouses protect dogs from the elements in winter and summer. The broad, sloped roof shields the dogs from rain and snow, and the overhang provides a shady resting place when the sun is beating down.

Measurements
(Note: Use only nontoxic, arsenic-free, pressure-treated lumber.)

Side View of Base
5/8” Plywood

Each doghouse is filled with soft straw bedding to keep the dogs dry and as warm as possible on the coldest winter days.

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Front View of Doghouse
With Door Cut-Out

The roof is made from 5/8” plywood with overhangs as follows:

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Front View of Doghouse With High Side and Low Side Mounted to Base

Notice the angle made by the 2” x 4” vertical bracing and the 2” overlap on the base.

Small Doghouse
A. 26” wide
B. 2” x 4” cross brace
C. 2” x 6” beams cut 26” long

Medium Doghouse
A. 30” wide
B. 2” x 4” cross brace
C. 2” x 6” beams cut 30” long

Large Doghouse
A. 32” wide
B. 2” x 4” cross brace
C. 2” x 6” beams cut 32” long

D. Total door height of 11”
E. Total door width of 9.5”
F. Total overhang above door 31”

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E. Total door width of 11”
F. Total overhang above door 31”

D. Total door height of 16”
E. Total door width of 12”
F. Total overhang above door 29”

G. High side interior height of 26”
H. Low side interior height of 23”

G. High side interior height of 30”
H. Low side interior height of 26”

G. High side interior height of 32”
H. Low side interior height of 28”
The Doghouse You Sponsor Will Change a Life

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Neva was absolutely miserable! The chain around her neck was so tangled that she could barely move—not that she had anywhere safe to go, because her useless plastic doghouse offered her no protection. We replaced it with a custom-built, sturdy one filled with straw and gave her a lightweight, tangle-free tie-out so she can move around her yard. Look at her face now—she loves her new home!

Not only was Max’s shelter pathetic, he also hadn’t received even the most basic veterinary care. We neutered him at no charge to his owner and gave him a custom PETA doghouse. We also doubled the size of the pen he’s kept in—and you can see how happy that made him!

Sometimes providing dogs with custom-built PETA doghouses achieves more than just giving them shelter. We gave one to Mingo and returned many times over seven years to counsel her owner on better caring for her. Finally, she was signed over to us and now sleeps on a couch with a dog friend in a loving home.

We custom-build these sturdy doghouses. For many of the dogs we help, ours is the first adequate shelter that they’ve ever had. Of course, nothing can replace a warm and loving indoor home, but our doghouses are designed to ensure that these vulnerable “outdoor dogs” are at least protected from the elements.

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