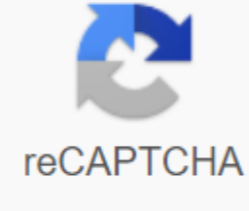




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## Sureflap microchip pet door user manual

I have been involved in home improvement projects and like to give advice to others on what not to do. Are you tired of letting your pet friend in and out of the house? If so, you may have dreamed of one of these nifty pet doors, but have been deterred by the prospect of actually installing it. Well, then, rest assured! It's neither expensive nor difficult — even if, as was the case with my installation, not everything goes according to plan! We knew we wanted a cat door for our new kitten, and we found that Petsafe makes a suitable door for a cat her size, available for less than \$25. And we knew we wanted to put that door on the wall. The package said the door was suitable for door and wall installation. Sold! Installation begins with locating and cutting the opening. I started with the interior, since the wallboard is not critical to waterproofing and is very easy to patch if necessary. I found the stallion inside the wall, and carefully cut an opening the size given in the door installation instructions. I was careful to make sure I didn't cut any electrical wires on the wall! However, I should have been a little more careful still. Outside, as shown in the photo above, my opening was filled with an exit box. Fortunately, the box wasn't really obstructing the opening, and could be released from the wall simply by undoing a couple of screws, allowing me room to work. It can also be repositioned slightly when the door installation is complete. But that was a mistake you don't have to make! Check inside and out before cutting. Here's the view of the full opening, with a little view through the room. Aligning the internal and external openings is important, and not as easy as you might think when doing a wall installation. After all, the wallboard and the flooring are about four inches away. I used a carpenter's square and got very close. The biggest problem I had came from the fact that the stallion next to the opening was a bit angled, and I didn't notice it. I had positioned the tight opening for the stallion, and measured from there. The result was that when the door was installed, it was at a small angle, too. That meant he didn't want to sit well against the inner wall as he should. So my recommendation would be to allow a little shaking space if you are installing your door next to a stallion or other obstruction inside the wall. It's always good to have the intended user check out the project while it's still in progress! Here is the inside of the door test docked to the opening. You can see the slight misalignment mentioned above. You can also see the biggest problem with the installation — the 'tunnel' of the door is not enough time to reach the entire width of the wall! Since the four-inch wall is a universal standard in North America, I have to disagree with Petsafe that this door is suitable for installation as is. It's a nice little door — affordable, yet well designed and well built. So far, it is maintained well and operated properly, opening and closing as it should without even creating a draft. But for it to work on a wall, you need to add unsupplied parts. And that's what I did, as you can see below. I decided to extend the inner width of the wall with aluminum roller. This is a product intended for the use of roofs. It is easy to work with, cheap, and not subject to corrosion problems. And best of all, I already had some on hand, left over from other projects. Below is a photo showing the measurement process. I cut a length of aluminum a little longer than I need to run around the circumference of the opening. The laminated aluminum is then inserted into the opening to mark the depth of the wall, for which it must be cut in the other dimension. (If you look carefully, you may see a mark scribbled on the metal, in line with my thumb.) Here is the inside of the door, removed again so I apply acrylic cauldron around the outside of the tunnel. My idea was to connect aluminum to plastic this way, and temporarily secure it from the outside with duct tape. You can also see that I added cauldron around the edges of the opening. This is going to need to be touched with paint, stroke. With that done, I installed the door, with aluminum stuck, and then added another piece of u-shaped aluminum inside the door. This is the piece that the cat will really be walking. This part is fixed to the coating temporarily with more packing tape. To complete the project, the exterior needs to be temperate. I chose to use a heavy blank tape for this. Starting with the bottom, and taking great care to avoid wrinkles or blisters on the tape, I applied overlapping layers of the tape. It's a question mark for me how well this tape will handle the time and traffic of cats. But the tape is eminently replaceable if the answer is not so well. I will update this Hub to let you know, when some time is up. Meanwhile, we have a cat door that seems to be working fine. The cat figured out how to use it, with a little help and encouragement from us, and although we've had a lot of rain since installation, there doesn't seem to be a leaking problem. So - and as usual for me - it seems that this project was successfully 'messed through.' I hope it helps you and your furry friend! Pet Door, Part Two This deal worked well for us, for a matter of about two months. I think it would have worked much longer, because it hadn't deteriorated in that period. But in early April 2011, we had a disaster. I'll write about it specifically later, and that's why I'm not going to get into it here. But, tortuously, the events to the presence of a lost beagle in our house. While we were we were said dog evidently panicked. The photo below shows the result. So be aware that a Drywall-mounted Petsafe port will not withstand the efforts of a crazed beagle. When it came time to replace the cat door, we decided to go with a window unit. They are considerably more expensive, but presumably less susceptible to the particular failure mode we had experienced. Online surveys led us to select an American unit from Ideal Pet Products, intended to be used with track windows. The order was simple, delivery was fast, and installation — shown below — was quite simple. Here's what you got. It's a compact package, and the directions aren't so bad. First adjustment of the drive in the window - and also my first error. Note the simple, unadorned surface in this internal view. The problem is that there are lock buttons on this unit - it telescopes to adjust to the width of your window. I put them outside, where they would conveniently allow a thief to unlock and remove the cat's door, and thus gain access to our house. Oops. Note yourself: buttons on the inside! This will also allow you to hold the tab from inside the room... (Yes, you can hold the tab. It's a 4-way adjustment: open both sides, locked, just opening inwards and opening just out.) You can see in the image above how the device fits into the window. There are several sizes of these doors available to fit a variety of window sizes, and useful measurement instructions are given on the Ideal website. I was a little apprehensive because our window was near the end of a size range, but as you can see, the fit was perfectly fine. The cat door comes with a wide-ranging time dispute to seal the gaps and eliminate drafts. The installation is a bit odd, although I don't think this is the designers' fault — it will just be a challenge to sustain the unit, and then get the stripping cut to the correct length and pressed down straight, solidly, and without 'bubbles' along the entire length of the opening. (As usual, weatherstripping is a foam rubber strip with an adhesive back. You cut it to the end, take the paper off the sticker, and press it down—or up, as in this case.) Ah, success! Weatherstripping done, door handles and secure latches inside where they belong... Wait, what's that cord coming from the outside? Speaking of drafts, there is a source of them with which you will have to deal with the distance between the windows panels, as shown below. The cat door is aligned with the inner panel, allowing cold air to see) between the internal and external panels into the room. There are instructions given to deal with this situation, but as in our case the adjustment To allow a wood-wood connection, I decided to use a solid track to block this avenue. To do this, I removed the hardware from the latch on top of the track, a simple operation. This allowed the firm fixation of the various bits with wooden screws, increasing the safety of the window. You can see the track in the photo below. It's been pretty effective. Partially (but not entirely) because of this change, I ended up with some 'leftovers.' In all, the installation of this unit probably took much less than two hours, and could be done much faster. (I was very cautious at every step! Well, every step after putting the door back initially at least.) The installation of this unit should be well within the capacity of most readers. We don't submit this to the crazed beagle test - and we will make strenuous efforts not to do so in the future. But this unit performed well in all other respects. As you can see, the main user is very happy about it! She's leaning towards the outdoors... This article is accurate and faithful to the best of the author's knowledge. The content is for informational or entertainment purposes only and does not substitute for personal advice or professional advice on business, financial, legal or technical matters. Comments Doc Snow (author) from Camden, South Carolina on April 27, 2019: Love it, GadgetGirl! Simple, economical, effective. DIY at its best! Too bad you didn't hold photos! GadgetGirl on April 27, 2019: We installed one of the first types once. From the kitchen to the garage. My cats weren't big. Very medium, cats the size of cats. That looked comically large pointing his fingers to fit through the cat strainer we installed. So we removed it and went completely home done. Since it wasn't a security problem, we cut a beautiful rectangular hole that they could pass without ballet. We close the space between the walls with drywall, pack and paint to look like the walls. We bought two small hinges, and two plexiglass panels. Cats loved to sit in the garage and see us in the kitchen. The longest part was waiting for the repainted drywall pieces to dry out. Doc Snow (author) from Camden, South Carolina on August 7, 2018: Thank you, 'Pet Door.' Readers should be aware that the link given in the comment below is clearly commercial. But it offers helpful tips even if it's all focused on a company's products, so I'm letting it stay. mariebastian884 on January 30, 2013: Thank you so much for this article! I've been looking for ideas on how to make my own ... and installation of doors in Calgary and that's exactly what I needed! Thanks again! Doc Snow (author) from Camden, South Carolina on September 10, 2011: That's the idea, 'chic.' What I should have measured - even once - was the tunnel of the door. Trust me, everything I \*made\* measure was done according to your advice! Steve Mitchell of Cambridgeshire on 10 September The rule is when adjusting anything or cutting is 'measure twice and cut once' it seems like you could do to use this method when next to fit a cat door. Very Very though and will prevent other people from making the same mistakes. Doc Snow (author) from Camden, South Carolina on February 6, 2011: Thank you, 'Hello! Yes, it would be nice to find a unit that was best designed for wall installation. But I think this will actually work well (and is doing it now, with regard to the cat!) Sounds pretty good now, actually. (Which reminds me, it's beautiful today, so it should be a good day to have a better image, so I can update that last image.) The question I still have is, how is this going to hold with time? One last thing, which I thought was very funny. The other day I was in the room and heard the cat door operate (the door is kept closed by magnets, and there is a clicking noise when it opens or closes.) I looked around to see the cat... and instead I saw myself looking eye to eye with our 40-pound dog, Rambo! His whole head to the eyebrows was inside the room. He can't walk through the door, but apparently he wanted to see what was going on inside. I'm sorry his head wasn't caught when he pulled her back out! Hello, hello, from London, UNITED KINGDOM on February 6, 2011: This is certainly how not to be done rrsrs rrsrs

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