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The Best Freestanding Pet Gates to Keep Your Dog Safely Contained

You are probably familiar with the concept of a pet gate because you may have used a similar product for toddlers— to block off dangerous stairways, for example. A [freestanding pet gate](#) is even easier to use because it requires little installation effort and minimal amount of assembling. A pet gate can be placed at the top or the bottom of a stairway, or across any doorway. The two most common types of freestanding pet gates are:

- The T-bar pet gate is supported by two t-bars on either ends of the pet gate for stability. The feet of the t-bars are parallel to the freestanding pet gate and can vary in height from 15 to 18 inches depending on the length of the gate. The length of the t-bar's feet can increase with the length of the pet gate.
- The Zigzag pet gate gains a little more stability due to the 'W' shape pattern on its multiple structure panels, usually ranging from 2 to 5. The panels are arranged in a "zigzag" type pattern to provide stronger stability.

In addition to regular sized gates, you can also easily find specialty pet gates online. If your dog is a real jumper, a tall gate will solve the problem. You can also choose hardware mounted pet gates for a more permanent structure, and pressure mounted pet gates for a little more stability. You can even find special sizes that block off fireplaces and other pet hazards. If you want to block off an entryway that is 5 or 6 feet wide, you'll need a [wide pet gate](#). Freestanding wide pet gates are specifically designed and reinforced to block off wider areas and have extra strength evenly distributed throughout the structure.

No matter which [pet gate freestanding](#) you choose, pet owners truly appreciate that all are simple solutions to blocking off a particular room or section in your home. And since they are available in various colors and materials—wood, metal, wire mesh and more— you'll find the perfect complement to any type of home décor or environment.

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