

## Doghouse Dimensions for Dogs of Various Sizes

Areas & Ceiling Heights are INSIDE measurements	10" Shoulder 12" Sitting	12" Shoulder 14" Sitting	16" Shoulder 18" Sitting	20" Shoulder 23" Sitting	24" Shoulder 27" Sitting	28" Shoulder 32" Sitting
Sleeping Area	Toy Poodles Scottish Terriers	Miniature Poodles Welsh Corgis	Shetland Sheepdog Cocker Spaniel	Dalmatian Pointers	Retrievers Collies	Newfoundland St. Bernard
Hall Area	15" x 24"	16" x 27"	18" x 31"	20" x 36"	22" x 39"	25" x 42"
Combined Area (Sleeping & Hall)	11" x 15"	12" x 16"	12" x 18"	12" x 20"	14" x 22"	16" x 25"
Ceiling Height	15" x 35"	16" x 39"	18" x 43"	20" x 48"	22" x 53"	25" x 59"
Doorways	14"	16"	20"	25"	30"	36"
Roof	7" square	8" square	9" square	10" square	11" x 13"	12" x 16"
Platform	25" x 48"	26" x 54"	34" x 62"	36" x 72"	38" x 78"	41" x 86"
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### Considerations When Kenneling Outdoors

- Only certain breeds are equipped to spend lengthy times outside in the winter. Short coated breeds and elderly, young or infirm dogs should never be housed outdoors.
- Dogs should be acclimatized to outdoor living when they are young if possible and also when the weather is warm. During severe weather even outdoor dogs may need to be brought inside.
- Doghouse exteriors should be finished with a weatherproof material. A door flap of burlap or canvas should cover the entrance.
- Bedding material must be placed in the sleeping area. Straw is the recommended bedding. It is not advisable to use blankets. Change the bedding every 1-2 weeks and keep the interior clean.
- The house should be elevated on bricks or cinder blocks to keep the floor dry and it may be necessary to provide a ramp so your dog can get over the raised sill. A low base platform is preferable and allows the dog an area off the ground on which to lie.
- Water must be available at all times and in winter this can be accomplished through the use of heated bowls. Outdoor dogs also need their caloric intake increased during winter as they are burning more calories staying warm.

**Remember:**  
Under the Animal Care Act of Manitoba owners are required to provide suitable and adequate food, water, shelter and care for their animal. Failure to provide these necessities could result in removal of the animal and may lead to prosecution of its owner.

# IDEAL INSULATED DOGHOUSE for OUTDOOR USE IN MANITOBA



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## DOGHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

The doghouse illustrated in Fig. 2 can be simply made from readily available materials. Basically, it is a frame of 2" x 2"s, with a 1/2" or 3/4" weathertight plywood exterior. It has an entrance and hallway that are separated from a sleeping area. Walls, floors and ceiling of the sleeping area are insulated with 1 1/2" Styrofoam sheets, which, in turn, are covered on the inside with a paneling of 1/4" hardboard or similar material.

## SIZE OF SLEEPING AREA

For each inch of your dog's height (measured from top of shoulder to ground), allow 36 square inches of floor space. For example, a dog 12" tall needs 432 square inches of floor space, or a floor area of 16" x 27" = 432 square inches.

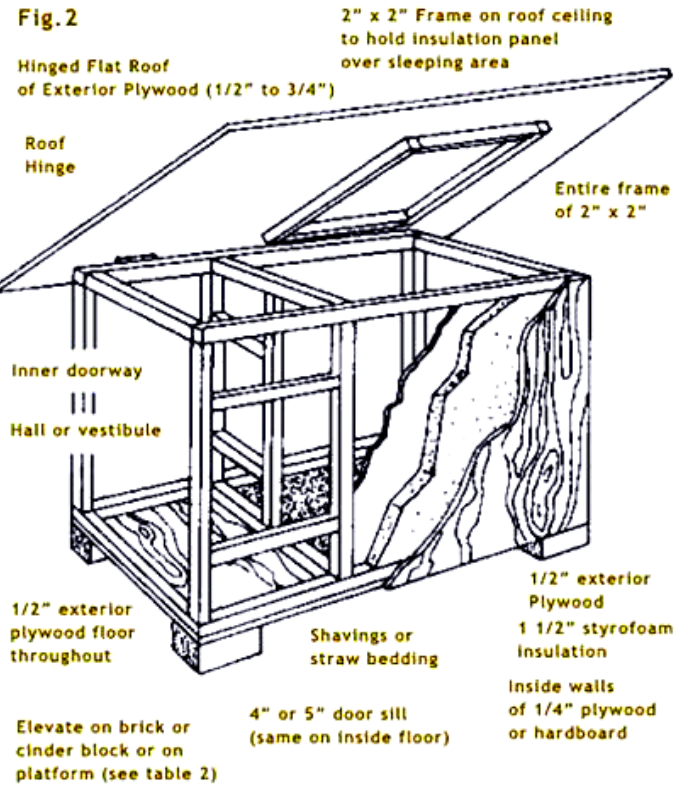
## HEIGHT OF SLEEPING AREA

Add 1 or 2 inches to your dog's measurement when in a sitting position (from top of head to ground), in order to determine the ceiling height. For example, a dog 12" tall will have a sitting height of about 14" and the doghouse ceiling should be 15 or 16 inches high.

## OVERALL DOGHOUSE DIMENSIONS

For example, a Dalmation (20" tall, sitting height 23") doghouse should measure: sleeping area 20" x 36"; hall area 12" x 20"; ceiling height 25"; doorways 10" square; roof 36" x 72".

\*The flat roof provides a place for outdoor dogs to get off the cold ground



\*The wall separating the hall from the sleeping area can be constructed to be removable for maximum summer coolness.

## BREED SHOULDER HEIGHTS

Poodle, Toy	up	to	10"
Scottish Terrier	10"		
Poodle, Miniature	10"	to	14"
Welsh Corgi	11"	to	12"
Shetland Sheepdog	13"	to	16"
Fox Terrier	15"	to	15 1/2"
Cocker Spaniel	15"	to	15 1/2"
Poodle, Standard	15"	to	16"
Dalmation	20"	to	23"
Boxer	22"	to	24"
Collie	22"	to	24"
Retriever	22"	to	25"
German Shepherd	22"	to	26"
Old English Sheepdog	22"		
Airedale Terrier	23"		
Doberman Pinscher	25"		
St. Bernard	25"	to	27 1/2"
Newfoundland	26"	to	28"
Great Dane	28"	to	30"
Russian Wolfhound	28"	to	31"

