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Constructing a Simple Dog House by [Robert](#)

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It is often said that dogs are man's best friend. But how exactly do we treat our best pals? While most people treat their pets as part of the family some; however, are cruel towards helpless animals who for all we know just wants to be a loyal friend to us. A dog is the only thing in the world that loves you more than himself. If this is true shouldn't we reward them for exactly what they deserve? In my case I built my pet dog Lucky a warm and cozy home, even though sometimes I would let him sleep inside the house because he was such a good dog.

First I gave my dog a royal treat by building him a small dog house made out of soft & smooth wood and some ply wood. I made the dimensions 24 inches higher from his shoulder and 27 inches if he's sitting down, that should be a good size for a retriever. His sleeping area I made 55.88 centimeters by 99.06 centimeters, I also made him a small bed and placed a thick blanket on it to keep him warm. The dog house also included a hall area which is 14 by 22 inches in size, a ceiling of 76.2 centimeters, a roof area of 38 by 78 inches, a door of 11 inches-square and a huge outdoor platform of 38 by 78 inches wide. Should you encounter any problem in making conversions on the figures given above, you can go to any website that has an online conversion tool or calculator and convert them accordingly.

You don't have to make the dog house too fancy, just comfortable enough for your dog, besides, you'll probably be playing with him most of the time so what's important is that he'll have a warm place to sleep at night. It's the least you could do in exchange for his loyalty even though he would never ask for it. I've also smoothen out the soft wood and painted it with a coat of shellac paint to make the dog house look shiny. Like I said, nothing too fancy just neat and clean.

When I'm out of the house and I won't be able to bring him where I'm going, I sometimes tie him to a 15 foot tether or just let him roam free around the yard. I placed the dog house just outside the porch closer to the garage and even though it's completely waterproof, I set it up near the overhang of my roof to keep Lucky shaded and protected from the rain. My Lucky is now a healthy 7 years old golden retriever and he seems to like the dog house I built for him very much.

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