

A Guide to Window Film for Reactive Pets

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For many homeowners, no home is complete without a loving family pet.

Dog, cats, and other common animals keep homes lively and keep you company.

Some pets, dogs especially, are very reactive to what goes on around them, and when they see something that looks odd or suspicious to them, you're going to hear a bit of barking. This is very normal for a dog, but the noise can disrupt the peace in your home.

From seeing the postman coming down the driveway to seeing a delivery truck rumbling by, there are a lot of things that can trigger a dog to bark when they're inside the house.

What's happening is that your dog is visually over-stimulated by things they see outside the window, which can lead to incessant barking.

There is, however, a simple solution to this problem—window film.

Why not just use curtains?

Curtains can be an effective way to block out views to the outside world and keep your pets calm, but they can cause a few problems too.

The most common problem curtains and also blinds may cause is that they almost completely block out sunlight. When your home's interior doesn't get enough sunlight, both you and your pets miss out on the healthy benefits of sunlight, such as synthesizing vitamin D.

Another problem curtains could cause is that they may simply become another thing in your home that can accumulate dust and require cleaning. Also, your pets can simply peek from under the curtain and look out of the window, and you'll face the same issue.

Which window film is best for reactive pets?

If you want a film that obscures views of the outside for your pets but still lets in plenty of natural light, there are a few types of window tinting solutions you might find useful.



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Frosted film

As its name suggests, this type of film comes with patterns that are designed to blur views. While this type of film can prevent your pets from seeing outside, it still allows healthy sunlight to pass into your house.

These films have a simple appearance, which makes it easy to fit them into your home's aesthetics, and they can give your home a bit of privacy too.

Decorative film

This type of film is very similar to frosted film, but they come in a range of different patterns. These films are designed with aesthetics in mind.

Depending on the pattern you choose, you can install decorative film on your home's windows and glass door s to block your pets' view of the outside. If you're conscious about your home's aesthetics, decorative film could be the right choice.

Switchable smart glass film

This window film can switch between being opaque to transparent at the flip of a switch. Switchable smart glass film is a good choice for homeowners who don't want their windows or glass doors appearing opaque all the time.

During times of the day when there's a lot of activity outside your home, you can simply switch the film to opaque mode and deter your pets from looking outside and seeing something that could trigger them.

Blackout film

Blackout film completely blocks out views and light from the outside. This may sound a bit contradictory to what we said earlier, but you need not apply this film to the entire window.

Covering up only the lower part of the window where your pets can reach should be enough to prevent your pet from seeing outside. This does, however, depend on how big your pet is.



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Keep your pet calm and your home quiet

By applying the right window film to certain windows in your home, you can keep your pets calm by obscuring the world outside. When your furry friends are no longer bothered by what goes on outside and feeling safe, your home will be quiet and peaceful.

Speak to professional window film installers to find out the most effective way to use film to keep reactive pets calm.



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