



Stowaway Pet Steps

Set Up

Thank you for purchasing the Stowaway Pet Steps. Your four legged best friends will find it easy to get up and down from their favorite sleeping spots for years to come.

For Pet Use Only.

Setting up your Steps is quick and easy.

Step 1:

Remove the collapsed flat steps from the plastic bag. When not in use, the pet steps can conveniently be stored flat beneath the couch or bed, or in the closet.

Step 2:

Tip the steps onto their side so the accordion-like sides of the steps are able to expand. The flat covers for the steps should be on the top. Fully extend the sides.

Step 3:

Find and remove the two “board inserts.” The inserts are not attached to the steps. These board inserts create the floor of each step compartment. The inserts ensure the sides of the steps stay extended and the steps remain stable.

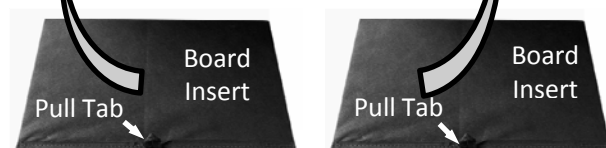
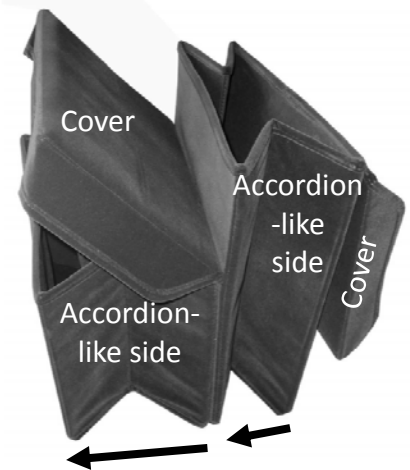
Orient the inserts so the Pull Tab on each is facing up (this makes it easier to remove the inserts when you want to quickly collapse the steps). Place each insert into each step compartment. Make sure the insert is pressed all the way to the bottom of the compartment.

Step 4:

Close each step cover and make sure the hook and loop fasteners on the sides and front of each step are connected to the cover. Each compartment can be used to store almost anything – dog toys, grooming tools, etc.



The steps arrive flat



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Care

The Stowaway Pet Steps are made of commercial upholstery grade Microfiber fabric. Within the walls are commercial grade Polyethylene boards. For stains, wipe clean with a damp cloth - allow to dry. For stubborn stains use a damp cloth with a small amount of mild soap. Ensure the soap is wiped clean and allowed to air dry. Do not use bleach. Allow to air dry. Do not iron.



Training Your Dog To Use The Steps

Pet steps can greatly reduce the risk of injuries from high impact jumping up and down from couches and beds.

Training your dogs to use the steps is really easy.

Training can become a fun learning game for you and your dog.

First, you need to help your dog get comfortable with the steps.

Setting Up The Steps:

Place the steps beside a couch or bed. Make sure the steps are stable and secure (for example, don't put the steps on the edge of a rug where the steps will wobble or move). Sit on the floor besides the steps.

Treats and Your Dog's Comfort Level:

Place a favorite treat at the base of the bottom step. Praise your dog as they approach the step to get the treat. (Praise through reassuring patting is also good.)

The Bottom Step:

Show your dog another treat and place the treat on the bottom step. Again, praise your dog as they approach the step to get the treat. If your dog is still wary of the steps, you may want to give them treats on the lower step a number of times to build their confidence.

When They are Ready - The Top Step:

Next, place a treat on the top step.

Your job is almost done when your dog steps up on the bottom step to get the treat on the top.

The Couch:

Next, place a treat on the bed or couch so your dog will go up both steps to get the treat.

Patience, Patience, Patience:

Go really slowly and be patient. If your dog is reluctant to step onto the bottom step you may need to use more treats, or try again another time. It's really important that your dog feels comfortable with the steps.

Going Down The Steps:

Your dog also needs to be trained to go down the steps.

When they are on the bed or couch, place a treat on the top step. The objective is to get them to step on the top step to eat that treat.

Entice them onto the bottom step with another treat. Then, place a treat on the floor so they will have moved completely from the couch to the floor.

You will likely have to repeat this process a number of times. You will know you have been successful when unprompted your dog climbs up and down the steps.

Keys to Success:

Patience, praise and treats are the keys to success. Be willing to practice as many times as needed to get your dog comfortable with the steps.

**If you had a great experience with your new Stowaway Pet Steps please tell your friends. If you didn't, please tell us at:
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