

# PET CAM Chart

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When you aren't home with your dog, what do you think he's doing? Sleeping, looking out the window, or staring longingly at the front door? Or maybe he's raiding your cupboard or throwing a dog party? A pet cam can provide the answers. This chart compares widely available pet cams to help you choose the one with the features that can best help you keep an eye on your home-alone hound. Also available are other webcams that can serve as pet cams.

CAMERA NAME	MOLE	PETCAM NETWORK CAMERA, # BL-C1A	WIRELESS PETCAM NETWORK CAMERA, # BL-C20AW	VUE
COMPANY	Astak/Yoics collaboration	Panasonic	Panasonic	Avaak
FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote motorized pan &amp; tilt</li> <li>• Easy three-step setup</li> <li>• Wireless option</li> <li>• Motion detection</li> <li>• Night vision</li> <li>• Two-way audio</li> <li>• Motion alerts via Twitter or e-mail, send video clips to YouTube, view the video feed from your iPhone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plug-and-play setup with free permanent web address</li> <li>• Multiple mounting options</li> <li>• Built-in motion sensor with alarm notification via e-mail</li> <li>• Record images or video to website or your own hard drive</li> <li>• View snapshots and control from compatible cell phones</li> <li>• Join <i>SeeMyPetCam.com</i> community to share recorded video</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wireless</li> <li>• Plug-and-play setup with free permanent web address</li> <li>• Multiple mounting options</li> <li>• Built-in motion sensor with alarm notification via e-mail</li> <li>• Record images or video to website or your own hard drive</li> <li>• View snapshots and control from compatible cell phones</li> <li>• Join <i>SeeMyPetCam.com</i> community to share recorded video</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple setup with no software to install</li> <li>• Includes two wireless, battery-operated cameras</li> <li>• Peel-and-stick magnetic mounts</li> <li>• Wireless gateway plugs into router</li> <li>• Motion-sensor alarm</li> <li>• Add up to 50 cameras for about \$100 each</li> <li>• View online from any browser or flash-enabled mobile device</li> </ul>
SPECIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video resolution: 320x40 (QVGA), 640x480 (VGA)</li> <li>• CMOS sensor parameter adjustment: Automatic white balance (AWB), automatic gain control (AGC), backlight compensation (BLC), automatic light control/electronic light control (ALC/ELC)</li> <li>• Video frame rate: 1-30 frames/second</li> <li>• Advanced H.264 video compression technology</li> <li>• Camera size: 5.1" x 4" x 5"; 12 ounces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video resolution: 640x480, 320x240 (default), 160x120</li> <li>• Video format: Motion JPEG</li> <li>• Video frame rate: Max. 7.5 frames/sec (640x480); Max. 15 frames/sec (320x240); Max. 15 frames/sec (160x120)</li> <li>• Image sensor: 1/4" 320,000 pixel CMOS</li> <li>• Camera size: 3 3/8" x 3 3/8" x 1"; 3.52 ounces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 802/11b/g wireless</li> <li>• Video resolution: 640x480, 320x240 (default), 160x120</li> <li>• Video format: Motion JPEG</li> <li>• Video frame rate: Max. 7.5 frames/sec (640x480); Max. 15 frames/sec (320x240); Max. 15 frames/sec (160x120)</li> <li>• Image sensor: 1/4" 320,000 pixel CMOS</li> <li>• Camera size: 3 3/8" x 3 3/8" x 1"; 5.76 ounces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video resolution: 640x480 (VGA), 320x240 (QVGA), 160x120 (QQVGA)</li> <li>• CMOS full color, high light sensitivity (&gt;2.0/lux-sec), auto-adaptive white/black balance and exposure</li> <li>• Video frame rate: 2-3 frames/sec (640x480); 7-8 frames/sec (320x240); up to 15 frames/sec (160x120)</li> <li>• Security features: FrameMesh wireless video encryption</li> <li>• Wireless range: 300+ feet LOS1</li> <li>• Camera size: Less than 1 ounce</li> </ul>
RETAIL PRICE	\$299.95	\$99.95	\$199.95	\$299.95, plus \$19.95 per year after free first year for web service/storage
BOTTOM LINE	We loved the futuristic black appearance of this camera, its ease of use, and the cool pan/tilt feature. Plus it was the only one we tested that had audio. We also like the way this camera works with YouTube and Twitter. So 21st century.	This camera was also easy to set up and had a sleek white look, not unlike a Mac. This camera didn't have as many fun features as other cameras we tested. The Ethernet cord and power supply limit where you can place it, but the price is right.	This was the only camera we didn't actually test, but it has the features of the BL-C1 plus wireless capabilities, which makes it more versatile. Only you can decide if your situation makes wireless worth the extra hundred bucks.	These cute little cameras are super handy because they run on batteries and you can place them anywhere, especially using the forward-thinking magnetic mounts. They are easy to install, and we enjoyed the online feature that allows friends and family to check on your cameras, too.
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