



## FAQS

### 1. WHAT IS A CATIO?

A catio is a cat enclosure or “cat patio” that provides feline safety and enrichment outdoors. Catos help solve the indoor/outdoor dilemma faced by over 74 million cat guardians in the U.S. by providing a safe outdoor environment and peace of mind. Catos also protect birds and wildlife. (*Over 2.4 billion birds are killed each year by free roaming cats in the U.S.*)

### 2. WHAT IS A CATIO MADE OF?

Cat enclosures are designed using wood framing, escape-proof galvanized wire, a clear polycarbonate or wire mesh roof, multiple cedar shelves, perches for lounging and space to decorate. Wood framework can be left natural, stained or painted to complement a home. Floor options can include grass, decking, pavers and more.

### 3. TYPES OF CATIOS:

Catos are available in a variety of designs and sizes for a window, porch, patio, deck, garden or yard. From small and simple to large and luxurious, catios can be an attractive addition to a home for the health and wellbeing of cats and cat guardians. Large catios provide space for human and feline bonding while enjoying nature. Many catio resources are available including custom built catios, DIY (do-it-yourself) catio plans and catio kits.

### 4. HOW DOES A CAT ENTER A CATIO?

Cats enter a catio through a cat door insert for a window, wall or door that can allow 24/7 access. There are several considerations when choosing a cat door including the type of window or door, size of cat, single or double door flap, insulation quality, etc. Cat doors can be purchased online or at a local pet store.

### 5. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CATIOS?

- protects cats from predators, poisons, diseases from other animals or getting lost;
- reduces vet bills from vehicles, cat fights or injuries;
- protects birds and wildlife
- helps reduce the free-roaming cat population;
- provides a healthy lifestyle with the enrichment of fresh air, exercise, sunbathing and bird watching;
- helps reduce indoor multi-cat issues by adding more territory and stimulation;
- creates an outdoor space for human and feline interaction and bonding;
- helps eliminate indoor litter odors (with an outdoor litter box);
- maintains good neighbor relations by keeping cats out of neighbors’ garden beds and property;
- provides cat guardians with peace of mind knowing their cat is in a safe and protected environment

## 6. WHAT TYPE OF DIY CATIO PLANS DO YOU OFFER?

Catio Spaces offer a variety of DIY Catio Plans for a window, deck, patio, garden or yard including:

- **WINDOW BOX:** Compact, veranda-style window box catio applicable for slider or sash windows. (small, medium and large sizes)
- **HAVEN:** Compact, 3-sided catio perfect for a garden, patio or deck. Space for human access. (3x6, 4x8 sizes)
- **SANCTUARY:** Deluxe, 3-sided catio ideal for a garden, patio or deck. Space for human seating. (6x8, 8x10 sizes)
- **OASIS & CAT TUNNEL:** Deluxe, 4-sided catio for a garden or yard with a cat tunnel connecting to a house. Space for human seating. (8x8, 8x10 sizes)

## 7. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE DIY CATIO PLANS?

- Step-by-step instructions including diagrams.
- Material list (*materials are available from a local home improvement store*)
- Tool list
- Catio spaces are designed as panels for ease of assembly (or removal in the future.)
- Roof rafters accommodate a wire mesh roof or a clear, polycarbonate weatherproof roof for year-round enjoyment.
- Door placement options for human access into the catio.
- Shelf design maximizes vertical space for cat exercise and enjoyment.
- Adjustable catio height. (Adjustable width for window box catio plans.)
- **See specific plans for dimensions and design features.**

### **PLUS BONUS information including:**

- Tips for acclimating your cat to a cat door and new catio space.
- Tips for cat safe plants, enrichment, decorating and more!

## 8. WHAT IS THE PRICE OF THE DIY CATIO PLANS?

Pricing ranges from \$39.95-\$69.95 depending on the size and type of catio. Plans can be purchased online as a pdf download. 10% of each catio plan is donated by Catio Spaces to an animal welfare organization. Gift certificates for a DIY catio plan are also available.

## 9. WHAT IS A CUSTOM CATIO?

Catio Spaces designs and installs custom catios in the greater Seattle area for clients who prefer to have a catio built for them. Special considerations include designing for the available space, number of cats, cat preferences, homeowner aesthetics and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

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