



CATIO SPACES®

Designing Spaces for Safe, Healthy & Happy Cats

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PETA honors Catio Spaces with Friend to Felines Award

SEATTLE, Washington (January 13, 2025) -- PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) honored Seattle-based [Catio Spaces](#) with a Friend to Felines Award “for understanding the importance of giving cats a stimulating space to enjoy nature while staying safe from outdoor dangers and helping to protect birds and other wildlife.”

In the January 2nd announcement, PETA Senior Vice President Colleen O’Brien recognized Catio Spaces and founder-designer Cynthia Chomos for their ingenuity and compassion, adding a thanks for encouraging “all guardians to give cats a happy life in 2025, safe from predators, speeding cars, and other dangers.”

“Keeping cats active and safe is a New Year’s resolution everyone can embrace, and catios are the purrfect solution to give cats exercise and time in nature without the risks that come with roaming freely outside,” O’Brien stated.

PETA’s announcement also recognized Chomos for her company’s selection of “unique catios,” noting the enclosures “range from cozy window boxes to sprawling outdoor sanctuaries. The company also offers a variety of [DIY catio plans](#) for cat guardians who want to build one themselves.”



“In addition to maiming and killing an estimated 1.3 billion to 4 billion birds every year in the U.S., cats who are allowed to roam outdoor are at risk of ingesting poison, contracting fatal diseases, facing abuse by cruel people, being hit by cars, or falling victim to many other potential dangers,” PETA said in its news release about the award.

[PETA](#), the largest animal rights organization in the world, has more than nine million members and supporters globally. Its work encompasses education, news reporting, research, animal rescue, legislation, special events, celebrity involvement, and protest campaigns.

As part of its advocacy for the well-being of cats, PETA offers a 150-page “cat guardian bible” titled “[250 Vital Things Your Cat Wants You to Know](#)” authored by Ingrid Newkirk, the organization’s president.

Catio Spaces is celebrating 10 years of “happy catio cats,” and its mission “to keep cats safe, healthy, and happy, provide peace of mind for cat parents, and help protect birds and wildlife.” The company’s website features a list of top 10 reasons to have a catio, free catio tips, articles on catios and bird conservation, success stories with visuals, and other information on the evolution of catios.

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