

CAT MIEWS

ASSOCIATION OF TOPEKA

What's a Catio?

Catios, or enclosed cat patios, are a growing trend, and a great solution for keeping cats indoors yet still allowing them the experience of being outdoors. They provide a safe space for cats to express natural behaviors, and help protect wildlife.

Keeping cats indoors is ideal, and something that we at C.A.T. strongly encourage. However, in cases where people are caring for feral cats, catios are an ideal solution when you can't bring them inside. Other times, behavior issues, such as marking and spraying, may make it seem as if living outdoors is the only solution. Putting together a catio is a great alternative!

For those caring for feral or community cats, catios can provide a warm, safe haven and feeding station for them.



Carol Zeller Myers, of Memory Makers Photography, and her family recently built a catio on their back porch. Their cats, "Osity" and "Smarty" are already exploring and enjoying it.

It might also provide a way to transition them to indoor living if they can be socialized.

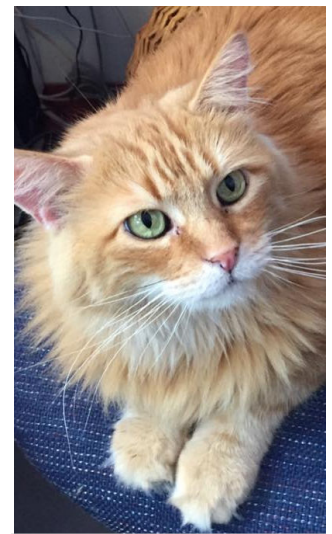
Catios can be simple designs that are attached to the house or part of an existing patio or porch. Other designs can be more elaborate and be placed in spots in the back yard or garden. There are companies that make kits that just need some assembly.

If you're handy and of

a mind to do-it-yourself, there are some great ideas and plans available online. If you do a search for 'catio designs' you'll find sites like Catio Spaces where you can purchase plans, or ideas on sites like Pinterest and Alley Cat Allies.

Whether you're giving your cat a taste of the outdoors or helping a community cat, it's a win-win solution for people and cats!

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Sat: 11am to 4pm

Cats can be seen after 12pm

SUMMER HOURS

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Tues-Fri: Normal Hours

Sat: 11am to 2pm

CLOSED Sundays and Mondays

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New In The Shop!

If you haven't visited our retail shop recently, you should come see some of the great new items we have in stock!

We've added some novelty cat signs, and some new car magnets to our selection. We also included emergency signs and decals so you can let people know you have pets inside your home.

C.A.T. continues to proudly carry Hill's® Science Diet® and Hill's® Ideal Balance® cat and dog foods. It's also what we feed our shelter cats. We have a good selection of different varieties and flavors in stock. The newest addition to our shop is their Urinary Hairball Control formula in both dry and canned foods.

Don't see a particular variety on our shelves? Let us know! We are happy to take suggestions or special orders. Just visit with our retail manager, Diane, or call or email, to let her know your request. She'll add it to the shelter's next order and call you when it arrives.

Don't forget the other great



items we carry! There is a great selection of treats, toys, beds, and other cat supplies, as well as gift items. Come check them out!



WISH LIST

Occasionally, we have shortages of supplies, especially those used most often like large trash bags and bleach.

If you would like to help with these supplies, consider joining our confidential e-mail alert list. When we run low, we'll e-mail an SOS about what supplies are needed. To be added to the list, send a message to wishlist@topekacat.org.

- **Large yellow trash bags from Ace Hardware**
- **1st-Class postage stamps**
- **High efficiency laundry soap**
- **Clorox Bleach**
- **Paper towels**
- **Finish brand dishwasher tablets**
- **Odoban disinfectant**
- Tidy Cats clay litter
- Special Diet Foods: Hill's® Science Diet® Senior, Light and Hairball Control dry; Prescription Diet® dry w/d®, i/d®, c/d®, d/d®, z/d®; canned a/d® and w/d®
- Plastic shopping bags from Sam's Club
- Hershey's or Kit Kat candy bars, bulk box

Homemade Goodness!



We're raising some \$dough\$ for the cats with delicious Kansas Maid™ dough!

Now until April 21st, we are taking orders for their made-from-scratch frozen pastries to be delivered by May 13th, just in time for Mother's Day.

Choose from an assortment of delicious flavors!

Cherry braid, cinnamon braid, cream cheese braid, apple braid, strawberry cream cheese braid, raspberry braid, Italian braid, cinnamon rolls, and caramel sticky buns.

Then just take it home and thaw, rise, & bake!

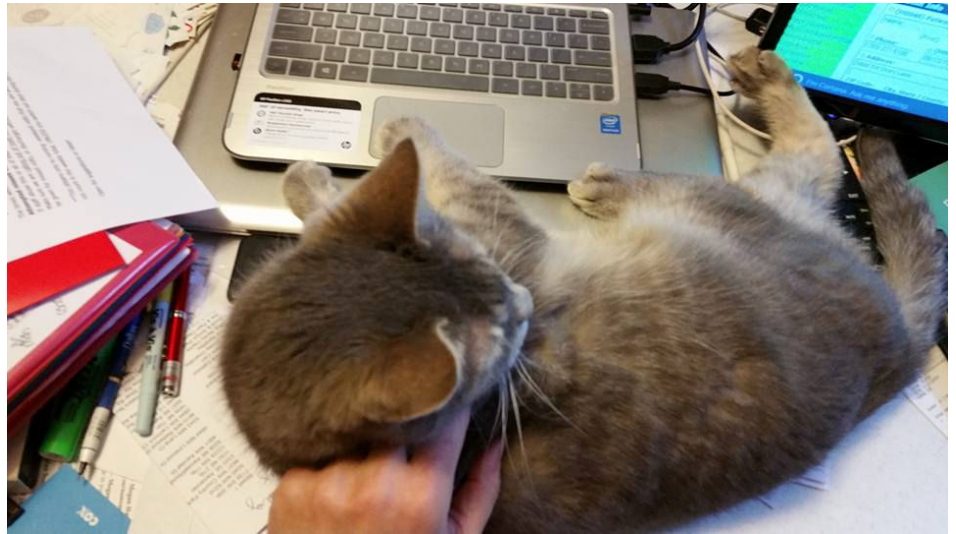
Pastries sell for \$13 and \$15 each.

Stop by the shelter to order yours.

Proceeds will benefit the cats!

HAPPY M EOWS

Tales of happy C.A.T. cats from their new homes



Millie (aka Katarina while at the CAT Association) is very relaxed and happy in her new home. She's only been here 10 days, but she is my sweet baby and has really worked her way into my heart! She's a 15 year old girl who still has lots of love to give. I hope others will consider adopting a senior cat! Rocket is making himself at home. He loves hanging out in my office and "helping" me with my computer and getting as much attention as possible! ~ Megan Boaz Hayes

The Easter Kitty Is Coming!

Visit C.A.T. from March 18th to April 15th and get a prize egg from our Easter basket!

Eggs are \$2 each or \$5 for 3 eggs.

Every egg is filled with goodies and a prize!



Calling All Artists!



We have chosen an art theme for next fall's Annual Hair Ball! We would like to feature local talent by having portraits of our cats for the center pieces.

If you are interested in submitting a piece, let us know! Your piece may also be featured in our 2018 yearly calendar!

Call us at 272-4735 or email cats@topekacat.org

YARD

SALE

Saturday, May 27th from 9am to 1pm
5224 SW 12th St. • Near Fairlawn & Huntoon
(Rain date—Saturday, June 10th)

Have stuff you'd like to donate? Bring them to C.A.T. 3:30 to 6:30pm
on Wed., May 24th, Thu., May 25th and Fri., May 26th

We'll sort it all and price it!

Many thanks to Debra Dellere for hosting the sale!

PAW PRINTS IN THE HEART

We are thankful for these gifts to C.A.T. We wish to recognize the following contributions and honor those being remembered in this special way. All names are current as of December 31, 2016. Please contact us with any corrections.

MEMORIALS

Rodney Osa
John & Lynn Robinson

Maxine George
Anne Fager
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HONORARIUMS

Happy Birthday to Lynn Retz
Dana Hampton

In honor of Dana Hampton in appreciation for her
friendship & commitment to Topeka area cats!
Mari Tucker
Judi Stork

Happy Birthday to Anne Haflich
Kellie Thiessen
Delray Blumreich

In honor of Dan Chow with Alderson, Alderson, Weiler,
Conklin, Burghart & Crow
Leslie Ireland

To recognize the dedication and love Kelly McPherron has
for the cats!!
Michael & Vicki McPherron

In honor of Ann & Yann Anderson
Marilyn Trubey

In honor of John Liezert
Kris Tajchman

Merry Christmas to Anne Lolley
Ruth Maus

Merry Christmas to Marci Glassman
Ruth Maus

Merry Christmas to Mary Ann Keating
Joseph Sanchez

Merry Christmas to Mary Jane Cook
Beatrice Hook

In honor of Randy Pachosa
Azura Credit Union

Happy Birthday to Chris Reece
Michelle, Megan, Laura & Jeff

Merry Christmas to Pat & Mick Urban
Jeannie Blanck-Griffith

Happy Birthday to Ruth Maus
Jeannie Blanck-Griffith

In honor of Kathy Osborne
Tim & Janice Leach

Merry Christmas to Marilyn Quinn
Tomari Quinn

Merry Christmas to Kelly McPherron
Dan McPherron

PET TRIBUTES

"Buddy"
Lawrence Kassin

"Blanco" Cook - From stray to king, best cat we ever had
Doug & Carol Cook

"Gabe"
Jeannie Blanck-Griffith
Lisa Howard
Sharon Mayo

"Basil" & "Shannon"
Lisa Howard

"Emma" Ubert
Michael Dreher

"Sassy" Rodgers
Paul & Starrlyt Rodgers

"Honeymoon"
Lisa Howard

"Mama Kitty"
Elizabeth Post & Paul Bicknell

"Yoda," "Nick," & "Kitty Girl"
Lisa Howard

Happy Birthday to "Gus"!
Dana Hampton

Happy Birthday to "Mochaccino!"
Joseph & Susan Douglas

"Lizzie" Stiel
Rhoda Wisman

"Niza" Feiden
Stacy Jeffress

"Linda Lou" Heise
Stacy & Jeannie Heise

"Tiki" Urban
Deanna Ferrick

"Matou" & "Madeline" Laird
Kathryn Laird

"Boo" & "Tiki" Urban
Pat & Mick Urban

"Pumpkin"
Cindy Wilson

"Romeo" Davis
Roberta Davis

"Bangor" & "Maine Man"
Kathryn Gillispie

Sponsoring "Hootie" in memory of "Buster Brown" Craft
Crystal Botts

C.A.T.'s Official Spokescat

Look for Astra on Facebook with news, alerts and special announcements!



Want to help make the cats more comfortable? Donate a Kuranda Cat Tower! They're durable and easy to clean, and our carpeted trees are pretty beat up. See our wish list at www.kuranda.com/donate/5255.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 18th - April 15th	<i>The Easter Basket will be at C.A.T. full of eggs stuffed with candy and prizes!</i>
Saturday, April 1st	Outreach Booth at PetCo, 12-3pm. <i>Stop by to chat while you shop!</i>
Saturday, May 6th	Outreach Booth at PetCo, 12-3pm. <i>Stop by to chat while you shop!</i>
Saturday, May 14th	Kansas Maid Frozen Pastries Delivered! <i>Pick them up at C.A.T. during business hours.</i>
Saturday, May 27th	Yard Sale from 9am-1pm at 5224 SW 12th St. <i>See page 6 for more details!</i>
Saturday, June 3rd	Outreach Booth at PetCo, 12-3pm. <i>Stop by to chat while you shop!</i>

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