



**Native Animal Rescue
Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**

Take the tour and be inspired by the ingenuity of nine Santa Cruz County cat owners providing unique CATIOS, outdoor enclosures for their cats!



Get inspired
and learn
how to keep
your cats
safe, happy,
and out of the
food chain!

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Catios: Safe Space for All!

What do bird lovers and cat lovers all have in common? We all want what's best for the animals we love. Luckily for us there's a unique solution that keeps cats and birds safe at the same time, and many of our neighbors are using it. Our annual Catio Tour is a way to explore and celebrate the idea of catios!

A catio is an outdoor enclosure for cats, a place where cats can enjoy the outdoors and still be safe from predators. And just as important, birds can be safe from roaming cats.

We here in Santa Cruz are striving to be a model for other communities who want to work together to keep their pets, wildlife, and ecosystems safe. Birdwatchers, pet owners, protectors of wildlands, and wildlife rehabilitators all have roles in this revolutionary idea.

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Catio Tour Day Guidelines

THE TOUR IS SELF-GUIDED FROM 10 AM - 2 PM: You may start at any catio location and go in any order you prefer. Due to the distance between some catios, there may not be time during tour hours to visit all of the catios.

YOUR FIRST CATIO STOP: At your first catio, please stop at the check-in table and receive your wrist band for the day.

CATIO HOSTS: The Catio Hosts will be on-site to answer general questions about the tour. They will be wearing Catio Tour name badges for identification.

LOOK FOR CATIO TOUR SIGNS: In front of each home there will be a sign with the tour logo and the catio number.

CATIO TOUR IS MADE POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS: Please consider supporting this fun educational event with a donation. There are donation jars at each catio along the tour, or you can make donations online at either: www.nativeanimalrescue.org or www.scanimalshelter.org!

IMPORTANT TOUR DETAILS: Smoking is not allowed at any of the properties; restrooms are not available so please plan other pit stops accordingly; please leave all pets at home while taking the tour; when parking in the catio neighborhoods be mindful of parking restrictions and courteous to neighbors; ask questions, take notes, and have fun!

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Together we can make a dramatic difference!

1. Kitty Lattice-in-Luxury



At a Glance

OWNER: Michelle Reynolds

ADDRESS: 13850 Bear Creek Road, Boulder Creek (close to town)

YEAR BUILT: 2014

TYPE: Enclosure for cats and humans

MATERIALS: Redwood fencing and lattice, clear poly ceiling, composite deck and lighting

APPROXIMATE COST: \$1,200

FEATURES: Double deck cat benches, feeding station, live tree for scratching, clear fiberglass ceiling for natural light, and space for kitty boxes, chairs and a table for humans, lockable door and toys hanging from rafters

DESIGNER: Owner Michelle Reynolds

Michelle wanted to create a cozy safe catio where the cats could get sunshine and fresh air in their own catio living room. This catio is beautifully designed to be spacious so that her “fur babies,” grey tabby Larry, black cat Hasani and tuxedo kitty Jeter could have room to play and she could join the party. The cats’ favorite feature is hanging out on the high top bench. Her catio is a stand-alone structure just off the house under the redwoods so it is cool in the summer. Michelle feels strongly that people should build a catio for the cat’s safety and their peace of mind. There are just too many risks and wild predators to let cats fend for themselves in the redwood forests of Santa Cruz County.

2. Cats' Corner



Photos by Thomas Burke

At a Glance

OWNERS: Barbara Diamond & Mark Hanford

ADDRESS: 404 Trevethan Avenue, Santa Cruz

YEAR BUILT: 2013

TYPE: Enclosure for cats only

MATERIALS: Dimensional Redwood lumber and hardware cloth

APPROXIMATE COST: \$600

FEATURES: Accessible in case of cat emergencies; cats have access 24/7; south facing with overhang to provide shade in the summer.

DESIGNER & BUILDER: Barbara Diamond & Mark Hanford

After adopting two active rescue cats, Barbara and Mark realized they couldn't let them outside on their busy street. They chose instead to build a two-wing catio that fits snugly into an inside corner of the house.

The unique design provides the cats with many levels, angles and perches from which to watch the backyard action. The larger wing is 6' wide, 8' high, and 3' deep. The smaller wing is 6' wide, 30" high, and 18" deep. After designing the catio, Barbara and Mark found the construction was "easier than either of us thought it would be."

Jasper Jazzcat and Leonardo da Kitty enter their catio 24/7 through a cat door in the garage. Each wing of the catio has an opening that gives Barbara and Mark access in an emergency. With the food bowls and litter boxes located indoors, very little maintenance is needed.

Barbara and Mark love their catio. To others, they say, "Do it! Cats love it...It keeps our boys safe."

3. Chillin Catos



At a Glance

OWNER: Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter

ADDRESS: 2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz

YEAR BUILT: 2014

TYPE: Enclosures for cats and humans

MATERIALS: Douglas fir lumber, wire screening, plastic corrugated roofing and hardware

APPROXIMATE COST: Donated

FEATURES: Three large attached catios with perches, space to play with toys and chairs for humans



Three years ago Google donated a multi-room, stand-alone catio structure to the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter. It was installed on the back patio behind the shelter's meeting room. The shelter has volunteers that bring the adoptable cats out to play in small, inside greeting rooms daily. But on pleasant sunny days specially trained volunteers bring selected cats out into the larger, screened porch areas of our catios to enjoy an outdoor experience that eases the stress of their stay at the shelter.

Our catios have also been used as a classroom for clicker and positive association training, to help make cats more adoptable. It is a great outlet for high energy cats that don't particularly care for small spaces and enjoy the smells, sounds and closer interaction in a semi-natural setting. Cats that enjoy the catio are usually restless in their kennel, but when they return from a day outside in the sun they are relaxed and ready for a nap.



4. Kitty Comfort in the Garden



At a Glance

OWNER: Anita McCreery

ADDRESS: 5029 Winkle Ave, Santa Cruz
Cruz

YEAR BUILT: 2014

TYPE: Free standing enclosure with a tunnel connecting to the house

MATERIALS: Wood 2'x2' covered with wire

APPROXIMATE COST: \$600

FEATURES: Platforms to nap on with scratching posts and catnip planter

BUILDER: Handyman



"I was inspired to build my catio because I had young cats and was determined to keep them safe indoors. The neighborhood butts up against wild lands so coyotes and wildlife are common to see."

Anita's large garden of flowers and fruit trees has many interesting elements. The stand-alone catio fits in nicely to give the cats a safe comfortable place to view the garden activity of hummers flying in and out while keeping everyone safe.

Siblings Tashi and Suki love their catio. They go out first thing in the morning and have to be lured back in at night with treats. The tunnel goes from the master bedroom (top photo at left) to the freestanding catio.

Access to the garden is on the left side of the house. Walk back through the gate and around to the right to find the catio.



5. On Top of the World



At a Glance

OWNER: Lilli Colbasso & Scott Biggane

ADDRESS: 4401 Hilltop Rd., Soquel

YEAR BUILT: 2015

TYPE: Fenced enclosure attached to the house for cats and humans

MATERIALS: Fence brackets purchased from Affordable Cat Fence in San Antonio, TX. Ties and netting from Home Depot.

APPROXIMATE COST: \$250

FEATURES: Breezeway with chairs to lounge on and an outdoor garden area with shrubs and fruit trees. The area is large enough for humans and cats to spend time together in a safe outdoor environment.

DESIGNERS: Owners

BUILDERS: Owners

Lilli lives at the top of a hill overlooking Soquel where open space comes right up to her home, and wildlife is all around. Lilli was concerned about the safety of her cats Catia, Fiona, Enzo and Annika because of the coyotes. Also, the street they live on is at the top of a hill so people do speed.

The catio is a large fenced off area of her backyard. She and her partner attached fencing to the top of the standard fence; this prevents the cats from getting out but allows them to enjoy exploring the garden. In the beginning Enzo figured out that it was possible to climb a tree to escape, so it took a bit more wire around the tree to prevent this from happening. The cats love finding hiding places in the garden, and Lilli loves having the peace of mind knowing they are safe which is priceless.

6. Nature's Way



Photos by Lisa Jan Rose

At a Glance

OWNER: Charlea Massion

ADDRESS: 3235 Cunnison Lane,
Soquel

YEAR BUILT: 2010

TYPE: Cat fence for cats and humans

MATERIALS: Cat-Proofers™ mesh
and bracing on top of new fence

APPROXIMATE COST: \$3,000

FEATURES: Includes two fruit
trees, a raised planting bed, a worm
composting bin, many places for cats
to lounge, and two sandboxes

DESIGNER: Charlea Massion

BUILDER: Abel Rodas, local builder
& landscaper

After a beloved cat abruptly disappeared, Charlea Massion decided to provide her three cats with safe access to the outdoors while protecting birds and other small animals from her feline family. She designed a 20' by 25' area adjacent to her house that includes fruit trees, a raised planting bed, a worm bin, a clothes line, and many spots where her cats can lounge. The entrance is through a cat door in the laundry room.

Local builder and landscaper Abel Rodas built a fence and installed the Purrfect Fence Cat-Proofers™. Because the enclosure doesn't have a roof, Charlea installed reflective ribbon to deter birds from entering. Tawny, Benjamin and Chano favor the sunny lounge areas and the two sand boxes they use as litter boxes.

Charlea is a vocal advocate for catios. "Be a responsible cat guardian! Cats are very destructive to wildlife and very vulnerable to cars, coyotes, dogs and other cats with diseases. My cats love their catio, and I love them loving it."

7. Cats' Garden Jewel



Photos by Thomas Burke

At a Glance

OWNER: Sandie Huchko

ADDRESS: 406 Baltusrol Drive, Aptos

YEAR BUILT: 2017

TYPE: Enclosure for cats and humans attached to the house

MATERIALS: Redwood and galvanized wire mesh with exterior door

APPROXIMATE COST: \$3,200

FEATURES: Unobstructed views of the backyard garden and all its action with ramps and cozy sleeping areas. There are lights for evening enjoyment with room for chairs for humans and toys and furniture for cats.

DESIGNER: Jeffery and Andrew Talmadge along with the owner

BUILDER: Talmadge Construction

Sandie witnessed a pack of four coyotes jump her backyard fence to hunt and then jump over the fence into her neighbor's yard. Up until that point she had been letting her cats out during the day. After that they instantly became indoor cats. Now her cats Missy, Max and Chessie get to enjoy the garden in the lap of luxury in their own beautiful catio.

Sandie's catio is a small room-size area off one of her bedrooms that looks out to her beautiful large landscaped garden. The kitties enjoy bird and squirrel watching. They take sunbathing very seriously, moving from spot to spot as the sun moves throughout the day. And Missy especially loves being out in the catio in the rain.

"If you have cats and you want to protect them from the dangers of being outdoors, you need a catio. You will have peace of mind, and they will have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors safely."

8. Corralitos Casual



At a Glance

OWNER: Nancy Lockwood

ADDRESS: 200 Old Smith Road,
Watsonville

YEAR BUILT: 2013

TYPE: Wire and wood small enclosure attached to the house measures 5'x5'. The front yard catio has security fencing around the front garden that measures about 20'x50'.

MATERIALS: "Purrfect Cat Fencing" added to the top of a 4-foot-high metal fence. The small catio is framed with 2"x4" lumber covered in wire mesh.

APPROXIMATE COST: \$1,400

DESIGNER/BUILDER: Handyman

FEATURES: The large catio encompasses the entire front of the house. The small catio is attached to the side of the garage and has shelves for basking in the sun.

When Nancy lost one of her cats to a coyote, she decided she had had enough. She lives in a beautiful rural area with views of the bay. She wanted to create a safe area where her cats Bootsie, Mittsie and Tina could enjoy being outdoors safely. They love rolling in the dirt and sleeping under the bushes when they aren't playing "hide and seek."

Nancy said, "I don't have to worry about predators. I can relax knowing my cats are safe and that I'm giving them a healthy, stimulating environment.

It is important when creating a garden environment for cats that the bushes be trimmed up to limit the hiding spots where cats could ambush birds. We want to keep all the animals and birds safe.

9. Catio Lounge & Tea Room



AFTER



BEFORE



Photos by John Pianavilla



At a Glance

OWNER: Elizabeth Munroz

ADDRESS: 10 Carita Court,
Watsonville

YEAR BUILT: 2014

TYPE: Enclosure for cats and humans

MATERIALS: Metal garden gazebo frame, fir lumber, 4" fence wire, plastic wall panels, corrugated roofing

APPROXIMATE COST: \$2,500 for materials

FEATURES: Padded cat walkway and access shelves, five hidden kitty litter boxes, two chairs for human cuddling, view of the Japanese garden

DESIGNER: Owner Elizabeth Munroz and contractor John Pianavilla

BUILDER: John Pianavilla, owner of Purr "D" cat condos

After Elizabeth's beloved 20-year-old cat was killed by a dog, she felt that for her own sanity she had to create a safe environment for her other cats that overlooks the garden. Each of the cats enjoys the catio in a unique way. Buffy the calico prefers the little heated cat house while Sunny Boy loves to get attention from whoever is visiting. Georgie and Pinky have become best friends and play on the carpeted floor. Bambi prefers one of the lower access shelves while Timmy moves around the catio with the sun. Comfy chairs and tables allow human visitors to sit and enjoy a cup of hot tea while all enjoy the views of the Japanese garden and Bonsai collection. "The cats love it. They come and go as they please day and night and I know they are safe."

Resources for Your Inspiration

DESIGNERS/CONTRACTORS

PETER BOSCACCI: CONSTRUCTION AND HANDYMAN SERVICE

www.peteboscacci.com
License #934110
831.252.2456

DAVID CARNAGHE

www.buildzoom.com/contractor/david-a-carnaghe
License #682438
831.466.3207

WESLEY KOENIG: RENT-A-HUSBAND

License #655819
831.438.5200

JOHN PIANAVILLA: PURR “D” CAT CONDOS

www.purrdcatcondos.com
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831.429.0139

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CAT FENCING

PURRFECT CAT FENCING

www.purrfectfence.com
Three types: Free-standing fencing, existing fence conversion system or portable enclosures.

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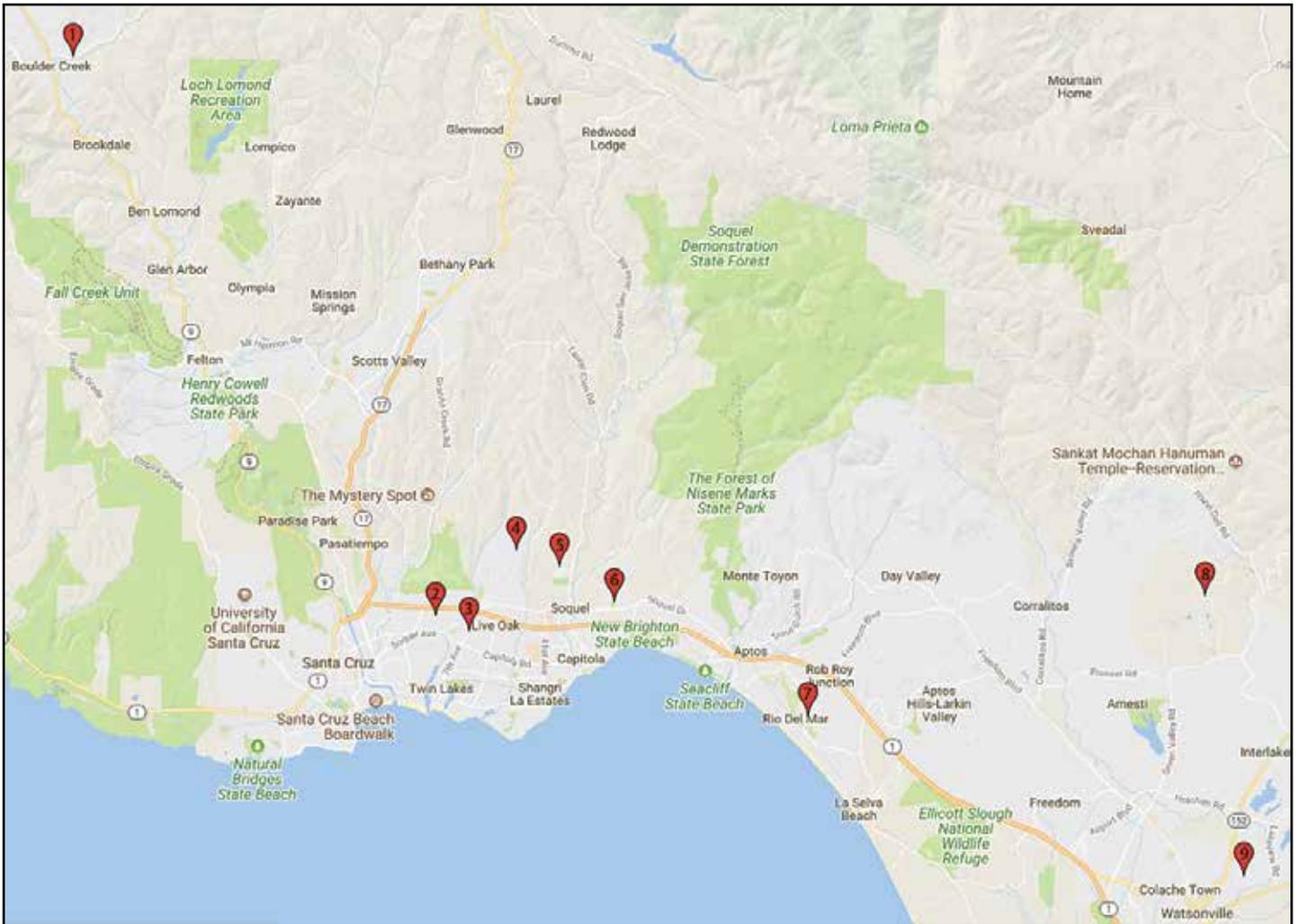
www.catfencein.com
Existing fence conversion system.

CAT BIBS

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This is the most effective way to stop cats from killing birds for those who have open yards that allow birds in.

Catio Tour Sites - 2017



Tour Site Addresses: Click an address below to link to Google Maps

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- 2. Cats' Corner**
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- 3. Chillin Catos**
[2200 7th Avenue, Santa Cruz](#)
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[5029 Winkle Ave, Santa Cruz](#)
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[4401 Hilltop Rd., Soquel](#)
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