

OUTDOOR CAT SHELTER AND FEEDING STATION IDEAS

- In cold weather, shelter is actually more important for stray and feral cats than food.
- Freezing winds, snow and rain can cause frostbite of the ears and paws if colony cats cannot find a dry, wind-proof shelter.
- Even though feral cats build thicker coats for winter, they can quickly succumb to hypothermia, particularly in rain and snow when their fur gets wet and doesn't insulate as well.

Plastic Tote Shelter – A shelter anybody can make; suitable for one to two cats.



Start with a 30 gallon tote for one to two cats



Cut 5 1/2" diameter hole in tote



Insert Styrofoam cooler and cut hole in Styrofoam to match tote



Add straw



Add Styrofoam lid



Add tote lid—finished!

After the cats have begun using the tote shelter, you might want to add a door flap made of heavy plastic or heavy vinyl for further wind/weather protection.

If you need to house more cats, just purchase a larger plastic tote.

Feeding Station—Protect food from getting wet and spoiled during rain and snow.

Create a small, partially enclosed feeding site to make food and water bowls and the cats themselves less visible.



Rubbermaid storage bin converted into covered feeding station

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