

Backyard Cat Enclosures

MUST-READ GUIDE

to setting up your enclosure



Preparing your enclosure

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT:

1 PRESERVATION



How do I help preserve my enclosure?

In order to preserve your enclosure and for warranty purposes, you will need to **paint it prior to assembly**. This protects the timber and helps it weather the harsh Australian climate.

Painting is great fun! The hard part is choosing the colour you want to go with. You could paint your enclosure to match your house or maybe even to suit your cat's sassy personality.

2 FOUNDATION



What foundation do I choose?

Naturally, the ground moves with time and weather - so to prevent future issues with the enclosure, there are a number of foundation options you can choose.

A firm solid, level foundation is key for doors to operate smoothly.

3 LOCATION



Where do I put my enclosure?

Concrete or grass? Sunlight or shade? They'll need shade as well as sunlight, so someplace in between is great!

Tip: You may want the enclosure closer to your house so you can connect a tunnel to your door.

Disclaimer: This product is designed solely for the purpose of giving your cat an outdoor living option. It is not intended to keep all predators out, and may not be enough to stop a dog, or other animal from harming your cat. To ensure security and safety, additional measures such as a secure foundation and flooring, backyard fencing, electric fences, night lights and additional locks may be required to prevent burrowing in or out. The addition of padlocks to the enclosure to prevent entry by other humans is also recommended if of concern to you.

*Your warranty will be void if your enclosure is not painted on assembly.

Shade cloth +
insulated roof panels
AVAILABLE NOW!

1 PRESERVING OF YOUR ENCLOSURE

Painting

Painting is less maintenance & more durable!

We love painting our enclosures because not only does it look fantastic, it means you don't have to touch it up for at least 2 years! We recommend giving it two coats of a **good quality exterior house paint** – we use Dulux.

When painting the **Meow Manor** you will need approximately **4 to 6 L**, while the **Paws Playhouse** needs about **2 to 3 L**. **Double paws** you will need about **4 to 6 L**. The **Claws Cabin** needs approximately **5 to 6L**. The **Claws & Paws Combo** will need around **6 to 8 L**. However, this also depends on how many colours you choose.



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Paws Playhouse
≈ 2 to 3L



Double Paws
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Claws Cabin
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Paws & Claws Combo
≈ 6 to 8L



Paint inside and out!



Paint every edge of every panel!



You must paint before assembly

Painting the enclosure beforehand is essential as you can cover all the sides of the panel, especially the base pieces. Also, it tends to be easier as you can paint all the pieces without using a ladder! When painting the doors of the enclosure, take care not to paint the inside railing where the door slides. You must also paint the inside of the roof panels before assembly.

Painting

SHOPPING LIST

2cm angled detail brush



7cm wide paint brush



Dulux exterior house paint



How often do I paint?

Every 2 - 3 years



What do I use?

Dulux Exterior House Paint



How much paint do I need?

Depends on your enclosure
from about 2 to 8 litres



How many coats?

2 coats inside & out



Get this look

Flinder's
Green
Dulux A239



Beige Royal
Quarter
Dulux A192

Get this look

Prefer the natural look?

Paint it brown to suit your taste - we
recommend this Dulux Exterior swatch:



Teak Wood
Dulux A106.1



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FOUNDATION



Concrete Base

A concrete perimeter or full slab is a great foundation for your enclosure. It provides sturdiness, and keeps burrowing predators out. It will also keep your cat's feet dry and away from bugs and fleas hiding in the grass.



Foam Rubber Squares or Firm Flat Ground

Outdoor foam rubber squares are another great option. They are soft and give your kitties some comfortable padding to keep them happy. They are cheap and very easy to move and wash!



Pavers

Pavers are easy to lay down and are sturdy — predators will be deterred from burrowing underneath. You can pave the entire base of the enclosure or just put pavers around the perimeter. For a fresh natural look, level the ground and cover pavers with fake grass.



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LOCATION



Choosing a prime backyard spot for your enclosure

There are a few things that you need to consider when choosing the spot for your cat enclosure, especially if you're thinking of putting a concrete slab down — you won't want to be moving that anytime soon!



Access to sunlight

Cats need somewhere shady to escape to. We all know they love a little sun, however. So make sure they get that too! Some shade from a nearby tree is purrfect!



Connect to your house

You could consider setting up your enclosure near your home so you can connect a tunnel from the enclosure to the house with a cat door.



Send us your purr-fect
CAT ENCLOSURE PHOTOS

AND GET A 10% DISCOUNT

CODE TO USE ON ANY OF
our cat accessories!*

*Once you have provided us with your images, we will provide you with a discount code. Single transaction use only - not valid with any other offers. Item must be in stock on our website. Photos must be high resolution and able to be shared online as per our customer photo guide available on our website.

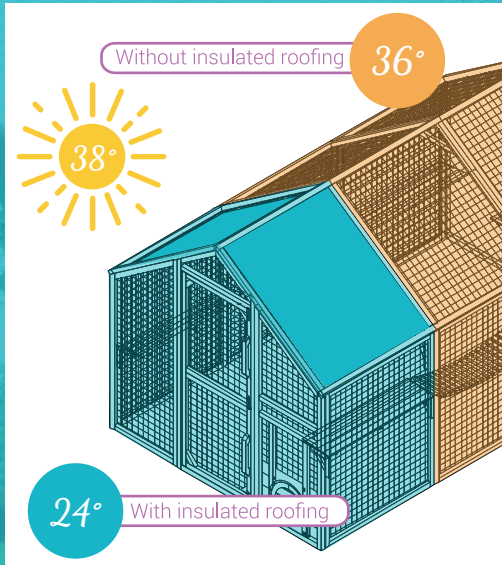


SHELBY ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS SAFELY
in the Meow Manor!



EMAIL YOUR MEOWVELOUS PHOTOS TO
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View our enclosure accessories range online



Insulated Roofing

- + Impact resistant
- + Extremely lightweight
- + High thermal insulation

Cat Hammocks

- + Adjustable to suit your cat
- + Perfect fit for your enclosure
- + Great for naps and adventure

Shade Cloth

- + Blocks 80% of harsh UV rays
- + Reduces the inside temp. by 11°C
- + Helps keep out colder weather



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