

Cat Hide Boxes

Animal shelters can be over-whelming, stressful and even scary for many of the animals. Cats in particular have a hard time with being out in the open and no place to go for down-time when they need it. Additionally cats love cardboard boxes!

Your group can help HAWS by decorating cardboard boxes to be placed in one of our cat cages. The box will give the cat a cozy place to curl up in, and allow them to retreat when they need to. Decorating the boxes will make it look attractive and maybe even attract the attention of potential adopters. And the great thing about the boxes is that once the cat gets adopted we can recycle them so that we're being earth friendly as well!

What kind of decorating are we talking about? Use materials that are non-toxic and won't cause problems if the cat decides to chew or swallow it (ie – ribbon, pom poms, etc). Glue sticks work great for this activity. Construction paper, scrapbook paper, stickers, and magazine photographs can be glued to the sides of the boxes. Having pictures drawn on paper with non-toxic markers or crayons can also be used.

Because we have a limited number of cages and very limited storage it will work best if you have the kids work in pairs or in threes as a team to decorate the same box.

Get creative! We like themes: Star Wars, Cat Royalty, Hello Kitty, The Lion King, etc are fun ideas.

Cardboard boxes should be cut to the following dimensions **(Please no bigger or they will not fit in cages!)**:



The bottom flaps should be unsealed so that the boxes can be laid flat until they are needed.

The visible portions of the box will be the side with the door – which will face to the right of the cage, and the side to the left of the door. The other two sides of the box will be against the walls of the cage.

Here are some examples of cat hide boxes:

