

### **HAWS Catio Addition**

The catio (cat patio) is a safe, weather-protected enclosure for cats to enjoy some time outdoors contributing to their health and general well-being during their time at HAWS. It allows cats to enjoy fresh air, sunlight, and the sensory stimulation of nature without the risks of being harmed by cars, predators, or other dangers. It also protects other small animals from the cats that might otherwise roam freely. Catos reduce stress in cats which can result in aggression and other behavioral issues brought on by extended periods of confinement. The enclosure is formed by the natural extension of the existing roof slope and a wood framework which supports panels of heavy gauge 1"x1" stainless steel wire mesh. The wood framing will be painted to match the existing wood trim on the building. The only entrance/exit to the catio will be through a door opening from the building interior which was previously a window. A half inch gap below the wood sill allows any rain or snow melt out plus an occasional washing/hosing to keep it clean.