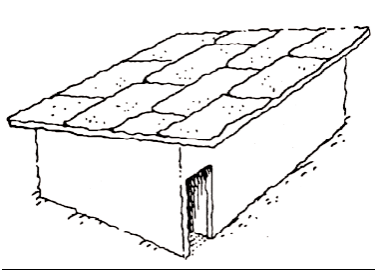


## Feral Cat Shelters: Links to Building Plans

*(These links and information for winter cat shelters are courtesy of Deb from Alliance for Human Action (AHA!) [www.ahaworks.org](http://www.ahaworks.org) )*

Here's a substantial insulated wooden house,  
[http://www.alleycat.org/pdf/feral\\_cat\\_shelter.pdf](http://www.alleycat.org/pdf/feral_cat_shelter.pdf)



This is another feral cat house courtesy of Neighborhood Cats.  
<http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/info/wintershelter.htm>



Neighborhood Cats  
Winter Shelter

Here's a thick insulation Styrofoam shelter that's light-weight and easier to make, courtesy of CSM Stray Foundation.

<http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/info/wintershelter.htm>

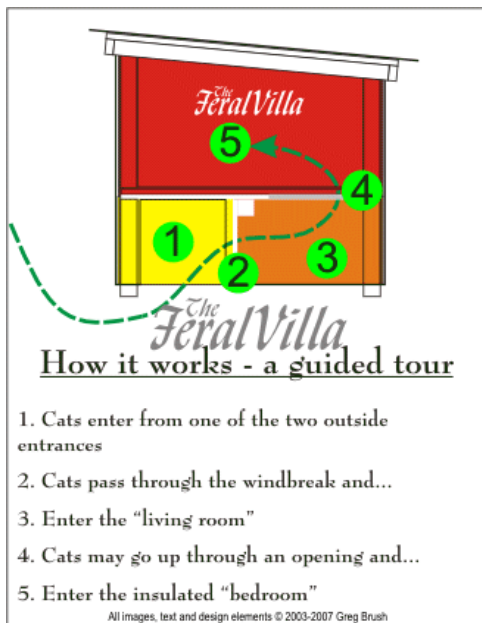


The CSM Winter Shelter

Here's a good, quick, and inexpensive double storage bin shelter that I can whip together (with the right tools) in about a half an hour. It also includes other shelter instructions (scroll down the page when you click on the link.)  
<http://www.spayandstay.org/wintershelter.htm>



And here's a great place you can order wooden shelters from and not build anything!  
<http://www.feralvilla.com/>



Here's another link with information about building plastic bin shelters  
[http://indyferal.org/Literature/out\\_cat\\_shelter.pdf](http://indyferal.org/Literature/out_cat_shelter.pdf)



Some important things to keep in mind are that the opening of any cat shelter needs to be no bigger than 7" or other critters like raccoons and dogs and foxes might get in and cause problems. Also, don't feed cats in their shelters because it will attract other animals as well. Move the food away a bit. It's also a good rule of thumb to feed and take away any food for ferals before nightfall to prevent the same problem.

Straw is a better insulator than blankets or other fabric because it will dry rather than freeze after getting wet. Pressure-activated heating pads are nice because they don't warm until somebody sits on them, but are often not an option because they are electric. Snuggle Safe microwaveable heating discs are good for several hours, just be sure you check the shelter for animals before you reach your hand in there to put in or take out a disc!