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**A well designed cat enclosure can help meet your cats physical and emotional needs, whilst offering a safe haven from disease, wildlife, traffic and neighbours.**

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Cats love to perch up high. It allows them to survey their surroundings & makes them feel secure.

Our non-slip shelves offer the best views of the street

Modular Cat Climbing System

**Councils across Australia are introducing cat-management by-laws to help minimise the impact of roaming cats. Compulsory curfews, along with fines for fouling public places, have increased the demand for safe & stimulating outdoor cat areas.**

**Create a safe and secure outdoor area for your cat(s)**

**Ensure you are complying with any relevant council by-laws**

**Create a mentally & physically stimulating space**



# Types of Enclosure

Containing your cat can come in the manner of 3 different forms:

## Freestanding



Freestanding Enclosures are an increasingly popular option. They include everything you will need to create a safe outdoor space, and require no drilling or attachment to your property. They are light weight, portable and affordable. They are perfect for owners who are renting, and for those who prefer not to create a more elaborate and permanent enclosure at this time. They are available in a variety of sizes. We also stock a range of accessories including Hammocks and access tunnels.

## Attached to existing structures



This type of enclosure can take many forms. Generally, one particular area of the yard is designated to create an outdoor cat area. Often this relates to enclosing:

- The side alley of the house
- Balcony, deck or pergola

## Fenceline Enclosure



This type of enclosure involves extending an existing fence upwards & inwards. This helps to create an enclosed yard perimeter. This type of enclosure creates the largest areas, and is an unobtrusive way of keeping your cat in your yard.

# Our netting...

## Why we use and recommend netting

At \$3.50 per square metre, cat netting allows you to enclose large spaces without breaking the budget.

Netting is very easy to work with, and doesn't require any specialized tools or welding.

There are no sharp edges, no rusting and doesn't get hot in summer.

Our 19mm Low-Vis netting is barely noticeable once it is up.

## Catnets netting

Catnets is the chosen wholesale supplier for over 30 Cat Netting resellers & installers across Australia.

Our 19mm Low-Vis netting is available in both Black or Beige to further help customize your enclosure.

Our netting is UV Treated for continued outdoor usage.

It is pre-stretched to avoid sagging, and features heat strengthened knots to avoid knot slipping.

Is made of High Density Polyethylene, and will not fray or unravel when cut to size.

### *How Strong Is our net?*

*Take a look at this large male Koala climbing our 19mm netting.*

*Our net is pre-stretched, has heat strengthened knots and is UV Treated.*



# Planning and installing a fixed enclosure

This booklet is designed as a guide only. Alternative installation methods and/or materials may be required for your individual enclosure. Upon completion of your cat netting enclosure, Catnets recommends monitoring your cats within the enclosure for a period of time to assess overall behavior. We also recommend consulting with neighbours and or council regulations in regards to your planed enclosure.

## Planning

Your first step is to decide on the area you wish to enclose. Considerations when deciding on an appropriate space include the size of the area, means of access, weather conditions (sunlight / shelter) etc and aesthetic influences.

The websites image gallery (*with over 1000 images and videos*), is a great resource for you to observe how similar DIY projects were completed successfully.

## What to order?

The first step in ordering is to **measure the area** you wish to cover with netting. For example if you plan on enclosing a verandah, you should note down the height of the verandah and the total length of netting you will need to enclose completely. Similary, if you are enclosing a side alley or perimeter fence, you will need to take note of the required width and length of the run.

Note the **available widths of our netting**. We generally carry 1.2m, 1.8m, 3m, 5m and 10m wide netting rolls. These are the fixed widths and you simply need to calculate how many metres of “length” you need off each one. You can then cut the nets to fit your exact requirements. The netting will not frey or unravel whatsoever when cut to size.

Our LOW-VIS 19mm netting is our strongest and most secure netting. It is made of a thin net twine and as a result is less noticeable once installed. It gains its strength from having a small 19mm x 19mm mesh size. The Low-Vis netting is used in all professionally built enclosures, and accounts for 99% of all cat enclosure netting used.

Our 40mm netting features larger 40mm x 40mm holes, and gains its strength from a thick and heavy duty twine. It is however, not suitable for kittens or “chewing” cats. The larger holes allow a cat to place its jaw through the netting, and get it’s back teeth in position to chew the netting.

The 19mm in all but special circumstances is the recommended netting

## Attachments & Accessories

The netting can be attached via several different methods, depending on the type of surface involved.

### Attaching to timber with U-Nails

These galvanised nails are used to attach netting to timber surfaces. It is a simple, effective and affordable option for timber surfaces.

Catnets recommends "edging" your net beforehand with black rope. Edging is very simple and involves weaving our 5mm Edging Rope through the edge of the netting to create a rope seam. The U-Nails are then placed over the rope and net together, and hammered into position.

U-Nails should be spaced at 4 per metre when used in conjunction with the black edging rope.



*The Black Rope is weaved through the edge of the netting, and then U-Nailed into position.*

## Attaching to hard Surfaces / WIRE ROPE METHOD (brick, concrete, metal etc)

This method gives an extremely professional finish, and is the most commonly utilised method for cat enclosure netting installations. This method involves the installation of a tensioned wire rope, which is installed as a framework for net hanging. The netting is then attached to the wire using our NET-CLIPS or cable ties.

### STEP 1:

Eyelets are installed along the run spaced at 1 per metre:

- Screw Eyelets for timber
- Dynabolt Eyelets for Brick, Concrete etc
- Colorbond Eyelets for metal fences and guttering etc
- Bolts Eyelets for brackets or fences



### STEP 2:

The wire rope is then fed through the eyelets, and secured at one end using a Wire Rope Grip. At the other end, the wire rope is attached to a "turnbuckle" using the same method, and tightened. You should now be left with a taught wire rope framework. Up to 20m can be tensioned using 1 turnbuckle.



### STEP 3:

Once the rope is tensioned, you can then simply attach the netting to the rope using our net clips or cable ties. For best results, FOLD the last 2 meshes of your netting over before attaching. This gives you some added strength at the edge. Black Edging Rope can also be used to "edge" the netting before attaching to the wire. Take note, when using the black net clips once they are closed they are locked permanently.

WHY USE THE CLIPS? The wire rope itself is very abrasive, and if netting is hung off of it directly, can rub and eventually tear the netting. These SPECIALLY DESIGNED net clips have a small divider which ensures the netting can not come into contact with the wire.







## Installing Fence Brackets for Fenceline Enclosures

*(Though proven effective on hundreds of enclosures each year, you must still exercise judgement if this type of system is appropriate for your yard and your cat.)*

Installation of these brackets will be dependant on the type of fencing. They can be attached to most types of fences including timber and colorbond, assuming they are in a reasonable condition. For installation of fence brackets we recommend the consultation of a local handyman (or helpful friend or relative) to advise or help you install the brackets safely and securely.

We currently supply both a heavy Duty Galvanised Steel bracket, and a lighter more economical aluminium bracket.

For best results, we generally recommend spacing the brackets no more than 3m apart. Most installations involve the fixing of 1 bracket per existing fence post.

Once the brackets are fixed, a stainless steel wire rope is then fed through the tip and angled junction of the brackets, running parallel to the fence. This wire will act as a support guide to stop the net sagging between each post. The wire should then be LIGHTLY tensioned using a turnbuckle. The netting can then be attached to the brackets directly (using the 150mm length UV treated Cable Ties), and also to the wire using the small cable ties.

**1: Attach Bracket to fence**

**2: Feed Stainless Wire through brackets at tip and at junction running parrallel to fence**



The system works on the premise of a cat not wanting to climb upside down on an unstable surface. You know your cat better than us, and you will probably have a better understanding of its jumping capabilities. We do however recommend a minimum of 1.8m total height for this system to be effective.

**3: Attach netting to fence brackets using 150mm UV Treated Cable Ties**

**4: Attach netting to guide wires using 100mm length UV treated Cable Ties**



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## **Attaching to Grass/Earth**

The most effective method for this is to weave a length of our Black Edging Rope through the last two meshes of the net, and then secure the rope to the ground using tent pegs. The alternative method is to place a heavy piece of timber along the ground, and then use the U-Nails to attach.

## Zipper Access

Zippers offer a means of access to and from your cat enclosure. They are an affordable option, and can be used as required dependant on your individual enclosure design. Zippers come in a range of lengths, and can be used as access points for cats, or as a thoroughfare for owners.

Regardless of the type of zipper you opt for, your enclosure netting must be first fully installed and secured. You can then visualize the exact positioning of your zipper and then proceed to attach.

### D.I.Y Zipper Kits

Our DIY Zippers come in Kit Form and require manual sewing into position.

We generally recommend not running the zip all the way to the bottom or top of your net. It works therefore more as a “step-through” style door. Always leave at least 2-3 meshes top and bottom as not to sacrifice the strength and integrity of the net. When using the 19mm Low-Vis netting, the zipper fits neatly across two meshes of the net. The twine is looped through the eye of the supplied needle and then used to sew the zipper onto the netting by hand. The needle can be pushed through the zipper material, looped around the netting and then repeated as you work your way along the length of zipper. 1-2 Loops per mesh is suggested, with extra reinforcing recommended at the ends.

If you require a larger access door, you may opt for an L-Shaped Zipper Door. This allows your zipper to open like a flap and allows easier access for lawnmower/furniture etc. The method of installation is to have the **two zips** meet on a “common” mesh, which would in turn open like a flap.  
NOTE: Take care to ensure both your zips are opening outwards / upwards to create the opening. The slider obviously opens in one direction only, so make sure it is going in the right direction before you start sewing.



### Zipper Panels

These Zipper panels feature a machine sewn zipper, ensuring a neat and higher strength result. They are quick to install and don't require any experience or specialised tools.

Supplied pre-sewn, they eliminate the need for any hand-sewing, and ensure a quick and simple installation. This zipper creates a professional result at a D.I.Y price.



# Creating a fun and stimulating environment

With your cat(s) safely secured in an outdoor cat enclosure, it will now be time to help fill their days with fun and stimulating activities.

- Toys
- High resting Places
- Hiding Spots
- Scratching posts
- Bedding



The latest addition to OUR outdoor experience is our durable, safe and fun RAMPS & PLATFORMS.

Only limited by your imagination, this "modular climbing system" can be "added to" creating a Fun Cat Park with a dynamic vertical element. All cat owners know how much cats just love to perch up high, and these walks ensure many hours of both FUN & EXERCISE for both indoors & outdoors.

Unlike traditional Climbing trees or Scratching Posts, these ramps are designed for both Indoors or Outdoors and take up next to no practical living space. The ramps are covered in a Heavy Duty marine grade outdoor carpet, which can be simply hosed down to clean.

- 🐾 **Great source of exercise & fun for Indoors & Outdoors**
- 🐾 **Strong & durable construction, made from heavy duty materials & marine grade carpet**
- 🐾 **Simply hose down to clean**
- 🐾 **Takes up next to no space as opposed to traditional scratching trees**
- 🐾 **Unique design allows for ramps to be mounted at any angle, allowing a unique and personalised design**



# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***Do you ship across Australia?***

YES. We ship Australia wide, and dispatch all orders from our Sydney warehouse. Upon receipt of payment, orders are generally shipped same day. We also ship internationally upon request.



## ***How long will my order take to arrive, and how much will the freight cost?***

Orders are shipped generally shipped same day. To eastern capital cities, orders arrive in average within 1-3 days. Western Australia, Tasmania, S.A and N.T customers can generally expect delivery in 4-5 days. The postage price will be determined by your postcode and the weight of your parcel.

## ***How much will my cat enclosure cost?***

On average, self installations cost less than half of those fully installed. The majority of self installations cost less than \$250. Catnets.com.au provides all its pricing online, so a rough costing can be done before ordering. We display all our prices online, as we are confident we have the lowest prices available.

## ***How are your prices so low?***

Catnets.com.au nets are operated as a trading business of one of Australia's largest netting importers, Haverford Pty Ltd. Haverford was established in 1888, and has supplied netting for events including the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Expo '88, as well as netting for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Taronga Zoo. With suppliers worldwide, we have access to a variety of netting products and suppliers. We stringently test and assess our nets to ensure they are of the utmost quality. Our bulk purchasing and buying power, along with the fact that you are dealing direct with the importer, ensure we can supply cat enclosure nets at low prices.

## ***Are there minimum orders?***

No. Whether you need netting to enclose your entire yard or simply need 1m x 1m, we can help.

## ***I am renting, and want an enclosure that won't damage existing structures?***

We offer freestanding enclosures which are ideal for balcony's and patios. They are light weight and can be taken down and reassembled if you move. Please contact us for further advice if you are planning a more permanent enclosure at a rental property.

## Is your netting long lasting and high quality?

Here at Catnets we are highly confident in our netting products, and we are more than happy to post out samples to our customers.

. All our cat nets are:

- UV stabilised for continued outdoor usage
- Pre-Stretched to avoid sagging and stretching over time
- Made with Heat-Strengthened knots to avoid knot slipping



# Our cat netting is used by over 30 independent enclosure builders and resellers across Australia.





## Recent Customer Reviews

*"The house is over 125 years old, and we needed to retain the character, which meant it had to blend in. As you'll see, the low-vis netting is so unobtrusive that if you don't know it's there, you don't really notice it, which is great. Fortunately my landlady knows and loves my cats as much as I do, so their safety was also of importance to her. They (the cats) now feel safe enough from the traffic and the people wandering past to sit on the verandah, and night time is now a fine time for cats to sit in the cool evening breeze and relax. :-) The net is secured using screw-in cuphooks top and bottom, and timber screwed onto the posts to secure the edges. I haven't managed to put up any hammocks or such as yet, they've got their armchairs and the plants to sit in. :-) When the house is locked up the cats can still get in and out through the windows - they fit between the security bars - and the chairs are positioned to make window access easy. I have yet to do the back verandah, which is a bit smaller, but the basic premise will be the same - except as there are no doors on the back verandah, I'll be using the zips and netting to secure the doorway. The cats are very happy with the netting - their friendly humans can fit fingers through for petting and sometimes biting, but they're still safe from people they don't know. The local lizard population (and other wildlife) are also safe, and I don't have to spend weekends rescuing lizards. All in all it's great for everyone, and I have the peace of mind of knowing my catpanions are safe but can still enjoy being semi-outdoors. :-) Thanks heaps!!!"*

*"Hi Mark, I would just like to say what a great company Catnets is, every email was answered so promptly and easy to understand, the samples and brochure arrived the next day, I rang up and ordered 5m x 1.8m of net which was delivered by courier the next day, was left at my door as requested. I am thinking of putting some more of your netting up as a complete cover in, but that at the moment is in the thinking stage only. I am a mature lady who hasnt had very much experience in handyman/woman work but I did put it up myself and so pleased with it, thank you so much. Your web site is very easy to read and has heaps of information."*

*"As promised photos of our first cat enclosure using catnets (I am no photographer) . We basically enclosed 1/3 of our pergola with an entry back through into the house using the 40mm netting. Can I say, your product is fantastic, price is great and it was very easy to use and install. The zipper entry is gold. Our bengals love their play area and we are looking forward to our next delivery of netting that we ordered today to build our super duper enclosure for our boys."*

*"Hello Mark, I thought that you may be interested in the cat enclosure that I have built using your low-vis 19mm netting. Our existing cat enclosure ('Adventure Playground') is to the side and rear of our home, however, we enjoy sitting on our front verandah and after some 'visualising' I thought the front verandah and associated courtyard would also make a nice cat enclosure. The attached photos show that I have generally run stainless steel wire through eyelet screws to fasten the netting at ground level, to the garage wall, the verandah pillar and to the underside of the gutter flashing. I attached pine battens to the underside of the flashing (as it would have been too difficult to attach eyelet screws to the metal flashing - much easier to screw them into soft timber). The cats get to this cat enclosure through our bedroom window - the window is dead-bolted, but open enough for them to get through."*

*We have 6 Cats : 1 Bengal marble Female "Pepper" Aged 9 months. 1 Bengal Rosetted Female "Kayla" Aged 9 Months 1 Bengal Spotted Female "Jasper" Aged 9 months 1 Turkish Angora Male "Snowball" Aged 2 years 1 Ginger Tabby Female "Albury" Aged 8 years 1 Tortishell Female "Nike" Aged 12 years. All have their own spaces outside and the enclose is a complete success. I have enclosed photo's so you might choose to put it on your website - I am please with how unobtrusive it is as the photos indicate. I popped in a few pics of some of the bengals because they are adorable!*

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