



THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY



The first ever of its kind – help us build Catio Town in Hybrid Haven



Imagine receiving more than 20 calls every month from owners begging you to take in their Bengal or Savannah Cat. Why? Simply because their wild or hybrid cat was displaying his or her wild nature, just like F1 Savannah Lloyd.

So often hybrid cats don't use the litter box, have health issues, or don't play nice with others. Many can't be adopted through shelters because of their wild ancestry, and others are deemed unadoptable due to their poor litter box habits.

These cats end up homeless through no fault of their own. At our sanctuary, all wild cats are given a home for life – no matter how small.

We're one of only a few to specialize in rescuing the smaller wildcats – including hybrids. We're currently home to 50+ hybrids and small cat species.



Here at our sanctuary, they get to stretch their wild side.
Here, we provide them a home for life.





That's why we need YOUR help to build Catio Town



- This new building will provide dynamic space year-round – complete with indoor suites, outdoor catios, and even a central playroom to conduct playdates, providing even more socialization.
- This custom-designed building will have **10 indoor suites** and **10 outdoor catios** of varying sizes to accommodate a single cat or a group of cats.
- The indoor suites will be bright and sunny with large windows out to the catio, as well as open-air kennel fronts to the central playroom. This gives the cats much more stimulation than in their current bungalows.
- A care room will also be equipped with a sink, mop sink, refrigerator, and shelving for supplies.
- Each suite and catio will have skywalks, platforms, TVs, and fans.
- Each outdoor catio will include raised garden beds with sod and cat grass so cats still have soft, natural substrate and small water features since hybrids love to play in water.





Why is Catio Town needed now?

- **Our older bungalows are deteriorating and sinking into the ground.** With so many bungalows in need of repair, this is the best and most sustainable plan.
- This new building design will decrease the hours of maintenance, like mowing and shoveling. It will also decrease caretaker time to unlock and enter each habitat and building individually.
- With our winters becoming snowier and more extreme, it will give these cats more year-round space to utilize since they don't frequent their outdoor yards as much in the winter.
- This new design will facilitate more one-on-one attention and affection for those cats that want it, as well as more time for the enrichment they love.
- This will increase our capacity to help more hybrids.

Will existing bungalows and yards be kept?

- Yes, we are keeping 3 existing hybrid areas, but will need to upgrade those bungalows that are deteriorating.
 - 2 were chosen for their large outdoor space for cats that truly want the tall grass, or for rotating cats out in the spring/summer.
 - 1 was chosen because it has 3 indoor rooms and is perfect for trying out mergers to form groups.
 - Any newer bungalow buildings that are in good repair will be repurposed for other cats at the sanctuary.
- **Can we sponsor new bungalows for these?** Yes, 2 additional will need to be purchased.





Our Timeline



Construct temporary housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and volunteers to construct temporary areas 	Spring 2024	\$5,000
Demolition of old site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and volunteers to tear down fencing Facilities to move/repurpose old bungalows 	Spring 2024	\$12,000
Build out of 60 x 90 building and generator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractors to excavate, bring in utilities and construct the building 	Summer - Fall 2024	\$1,100,000
Furniture/Move in	Fall 2024	\$20,000
Replacement Bungalows (2)	Fall 2024	\$15,000



Giving Levels



Room	Amount	Recognition
Catio Town Building Sponsorship (1)	\$100,000 Donor Committed	Founding member, main signage on outside of building, name on founding member outdoor sign, 4 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 6
Central Playroom	\$50,000 Donor Committed	Founding member, signage in playroom, name on founding member outdoor sign, 4 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 4
Cat's Meow Pavilion area for caretakers and volunteers (1)	\$50,000 Donor Committed	Founding member, signage in pavilion near ACC, name on founding member outdoor sign, 4 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 4
Safety Net Generator for back up heat/power	\$30,000 Donor Committed	Founding member, signage inside building, name on founding member outdoor sign, 2 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 2
Large Suite (2) Large Catio (2)	\$25,000 - 3 Committed 1 Large Catio available	Founding member, signage in suite or catio, name on founding member outdoor sign, 2 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 2
Medium Suite (2) Medium Catio (2)	\$20,000 (single sponsor) or \$10K co-sponsors	Founding member, signage in suite, name on founding member outdoor sign, 2 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR, private tour for 2
Standard Suite (4) Standard Catio (4)	\$10,000- 4 Committed	Founding member, signage in suite or catio, name on founding member outdoor sign, 2 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR

Founding Member – General Support of Catio Town	\$7,500 + Available	Founding member, name on founding member outdoor sign, 2 to Move-In Ceremony, mention in UPROAR
Hybrid Hero – Playroom furniture for catio/suite	\$5,000 - \$7,499 Available	Name on founding member outdoor sign, mention in UPROAR
Hybrid Hero - General Support of Catio Town	\$2,500 - \$4,499 Available	Help us buy benches, cat trees, raised garden beds with grass, water fountains, TVs for the cat rooms and more. Mention in UPROAR.

Your transformational gift will mean so much!

Your individual sign can include your name and your pet's name.
What a great way to honor a furry one you love and help another in need.

Founding member levels begin at \$5,000. We ask this gift to be above and beyond your current giving since annual operating donations are still needed to meet daily sanctuary expenses and rescues.

Supporters giving \$7,500 or more will be invited to the Move-In Ceremony and group tour. It will be your chance to see the cats your generosity will help so much.
Thank you so much for being part of The Wildcat Sanctuary's future!!

If you would like to donate to this special project, please contact Tammy Thies directly at cat@wildcatsanctuary.org or 320-245-6871.



What is a hybrid cat?



The Bengal cat breed resulted from cross breeding an Asian Leopard Cat (ALC-*Prionailurus bengalensis*) with the domestic cat (*Felis catus*). The first three filial generations (F1 – F3) of these hybrid animals are referred to as the “foundation” generations.

A Bengal cat with an ALC parent is called an F1 Bengal, short for first filial. They eat raw meat and will almost never use a litter box once they reach maturity.

These hybrids are often prohibited and regulated by state, city, and township laws such as in MN, IA, etc.

An F1 then bred with a domestic male produces an F2, or second filial. Kittens from an F2 female and another domestic cat are then termed F3. Kittens from a subsequent F3 mating with a domestic are F4s.

The F4 and later generations are considered domestic cats, but still have many behavioral and health issues due to hybridization.

Often a Bengal Cat (already a hybrid) is used vs. a domestic breed creating a compound hybrid.

Sadly, a similar breeding process occurs to create the Savannah Cat (Bengal cat crossed with an African Serval).



Why is the small cat hybrid crisis such a problem?



- Asian Leopard Cats, Bengals, Savannah cats are beautiful. But they have common wild behaviors that are undesirable as pets. These behaviors include territorial urination, being very vocal and active, and being nomadic. They often run away and can be aggressive to other pets.
- They often have expensive health issues, such as inflammatory bowel disease with chronic diarrhea.
- Breeding and purchasing of these cats are fueled by social media since they have an exotic look. Breeding is very lucrative with cats costing \$1,000 up to \$30,000 for F1 generations. Recently, our sanctuary was tasked with rescuing 24 Asian Leopard Cats from deplorable conditions after a breeder passed away.
- Many shelters and rescues groups cannot accommodate the F1-F3 generation cats due to their wild nature. So many of the later generations are deemed unadoptable due to poor litter box habits.
- Learn more at *Small Cat Crisis - Behind the Beauty* <https://youtu.be/uo9TEm6lerU>

