



## **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter**

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## **2019 CATIO TOUR IS SET**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and Native Animal Rescue are proud to present the 2019 Catio Tour, sponsored by New Leaf Community Markets.

Fifteen Santa Cruz County residents will share their ingenious ideas for outdoor cat enclosures, or catios, which provide safe outdoor spaces that protect cats from predators and protect birds from roaming cats.

The self-guided tour will be held Oct. 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visitors are asked to check-in at their first catio stop to receive a wrist band, and hosts will be on-site to answer general questions about the tour. Each stop will be posted with a sign bearing the Catio Tour logo and catio number.

The 2020 Catio Tour is a fun, educational event with suggested donations of \$5 for the entire tour. Tickets are available online at [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org) and day of the event at all Catio Tour locations.

A 2013 study found that cats kill up to 3.7 billion birds in the continental U.S. annually, and many consider feral and domesticated cats to be a leading threat to wildlife.

Smoking is not allowed at any catio location, and no restrooms will be available. Please leave all pets at home while taking the tour and be mindful of neighborhood parking restrictions and neighbors.

### **About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)**

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter which welcomes EVERY animal in need. Our goal is to be a humane resource for the community by providing a safety net and second chance for local animals. There are two locations where owners can find and recover lost pets, adopt new animal companions, or sign up for PLANNED PetHood, our low cost spay/neuter program available for all resident pets. Our success is achieved through a variety of life-saving services and programs which are described in detail on our website, [www.scanimalshelter.org](http://www.scanimalshelter.org). The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.