



### Winter Cat Shelter Directions

Heavy duty Styrofoam carton, the type that meat or medications are shipped in

**\*\*STRAW...**not Hay, hay will mold.

Duct tape/ any color

**\*\*\*\*Mylar from emergency blanket**

**\*\*\*\*Diatomaceous earth**

Draw a circle using a small plate or round object. Make opening big enough for a cat to enter through.

Cut with kitchen knife (serrated steak knives work great, use like a saw)

Cut Mylar to slightly larger than the lid and place over top opening then place lid on firmly

Tape lid on in both directions to secure lid to carton.

Place diatomaceous earth on the bottom of carton to kill fleas / ticks that fall off.

Stuff with Straw. The kitties will create their own nest by pushing the straw around and packing it down.

If you are concerned about an emergency exit for the kitties, cut two holes on opposite ends of the carton for a quick escape and don't fill quite so full of straw. Trim the piece that is cut out so it is thinner and easier to push out during an escape.

**\*\* Straw is warmer than cedar shavings and is more easily formed into a nest for the kitty**

**\*\*\*\* These items are nice, but if you don't have them the shelter will still be a lot warmer than outside.**