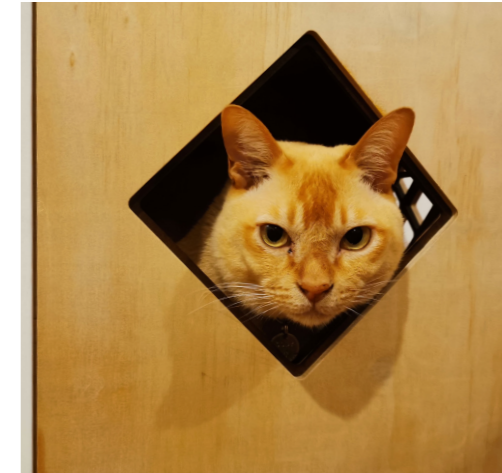


Furniture for you and your cat.



This thesis project focused on the topic of enhancing living spaces for indoor cats. The first section of the project centred on conducting research so opportunities for improvement could be uncovered. This was then followed by design development to create a solution for the problem.

Data suggested that cats living indoors had fewer spaces to express themselves as they would in the wild.

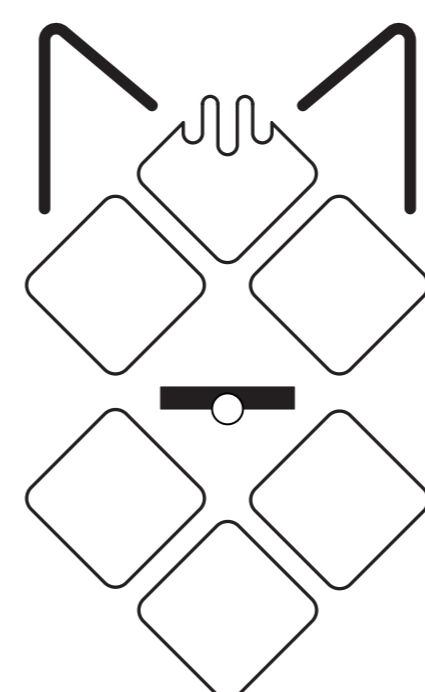
As a result, cats became bored and continuously sought out attention from their owners. In addition, they had fewer opportunities for physical activity causing them to become overweight easily due to overfeeding. On the other hand, data suggested that cat owners were inconvenienced by bulkiness of cat furniture. This was combined with the issues of cat owners residing in temporary housing where they wanted to buy cat furniture but refrained from it because they would have difficulty transporting or disassembling it. This limitation greatly reduced the choices of cat furniture, constraining the kinds of spaces available for indoor cats to express their wild instincts.

Customisability creates new spaces for cats to explore

CUBICAT was designed to minimise these issues for indoor cats by creating a space for them to play in, explore and interact with. It has several different panels that make up the main cube shape and as they are interchangeable, the cat owner can customise the layout.

This means that the panels can be easily assembled and disassembled to create new areas of interest for the cat. CUBICAT comes flat packed with a set of four cubes which can be placed together or scattered around the house. It can be stacked in several configurations to create different types of human furniture such as a side table, shelf, seat, or bedside table.

By combining both human and cat furniture, space no longer needs to be allocated for a bulky cat tower.



CUBICAT

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