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Model: PET18 | Brand: PetsCosset

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the PetsCosset PET18 Outdoor Insulated Feral Cat House. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new cat shelter. Designed to offer a warm and secure environment, this house is suitable for feral cats and other small animals, providing protection from various weather conditions.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all instructions carefully before assembly and use.
- Ensure all components are securely fastened during assembly to prevent instability.
- Place the cat house on a stable, level surface.
- Regularly inspect the house for any damage or loose parts and address them promptly.
- This product is intended for animal shelter use only. Do not allow children to play inside or on the structure.
- While designed for outdoor use, consider placing the shelter in a partially protected area during extreme weather to maximize its lifespan and effectiveness.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all parts listed below are present before beginning assembly. If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact customer support.

- Front Panel
- Back Panel
- Left Panel
- Right Panel
- Roof Panel

- Bottom Panel (Removable)
- Small Roof (for entrance)
- Door Curtain (PVC flaps)
- Left Support
- Right Support
- Elevated Plastic Bases (4x)
- Hardware Pack (screws, hinges, etc.)
- Assembly Instructions Sheet

4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly is designed to be straightforward with pre-drilled holes. An electric drill and Phillips head screwdriver are recommended for quicker assembly.

1. **Prepare Components:** Unpack all components and lay them out on a clean, flat surface. Identify each part using the provided assembly diagram.
2. **Assemble Side Panels:** Attach the Left and Right Panels to the Front and Back Panels using the provided screws. Ensure the panels are aligned correctly.
3. **Install Elevated Bases:** Secure the four elevated plastic bases to the bottom of the assembled frame. These bases help protect the wood from ground moisture.
4. **Attach Small Roof and Door Curtain:** Fasten the small roof piece above the main entrance. Insert the PVC door curtain flaps into the designated slots at the entrance.
5. **Position Removable Bottom:** Slide the removable bottom panel into the base of the house. This panel can be easily removed for cleaning.
6. **Attach Main Roof:** Secure the main roof panel to the top of the structure using the hinges and screws. Ensure the hinges allow the roof to open smoothly for access.



Figure 1: Detailed assembly diagram illustrating the components and step-by-step process for constructing the cat house.

5. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **All-Around Foam Insulation:** The house features foam insulation on all six sides (walls, roof, and floor) to maintain a stable internal temperature, providing warmth in winter and cooler conditions in summer.
- **Weatherproof Design:** Constructed with solid fir wood, a waterproof asphalt roof, and PVC door flaps, the house offers

protection against sun, rain, and snow. The L-shaped offset entryway further minimizes wind and rain entry.

- **Openable Roof:** The hinged roof allows for easy access to the interior for monitoring, feeding, or cleaning.
- **Removable Bottom Panel:** The floor panel can be easily removed, simplifying the cleaning process and ensuring a hygienic environment for your pet.
- **Elevated Base:** Plastic bases elevate the house 2.44 inches off the ground, preventing moisture absorption and improving air circulation.
- **Suitable for Small Animals:** With internal dimensions of 18.19"L x 13.39"W x 13.9"H, this shelter is ideal for cats, small dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoises, and hedgehogs.



Figure 2: Illustration of the six-sided foam insulation structure, detailing fir wood, styrofoam, and plywood layers for thermal regulation.

FIT OUTDOOR USE

Wooden cat house with slanted asphalt roof is ideal for feral cats

Openable weatherproof asphalt roof opens for easy care



Asphalt eaves and PVC curtains effectively block the wind and rain



Elevated plastic bases

Removable floor for easy cleaning

Figure 3: Key features including the hinged roof for easy access, the removable floor for cleaning, and the elevated plastic feet.

WEATHERPROOF CAT HOUSES

Protect Your Furry Pets From Inclement Weather



Figure 4: Visual representation of the cat house's weatherproof construction, offering protection from various outdoor elements.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- **Placement:** Position the cat house in a location that offers additional shelter from prevailing winds or direct heavy precipitation, if possible. Ensure it is on a level surface.
- **Introducing Pets:** Allow pets to discover the shelter at their own pace. Placing a familiar blanket or a treat inside may encourage them to explore and use it.
- **Monitoring:** Use the openable roof to periodically check on the pet inside, replenish food/water (if provided within the shelter), or adjust bedding.
- **Temperature Regulation:** The insulation helps maintain a comfortable temperature. For extremely cold climates, additional bedding or a pet-safe heating pad (not included) can be added.

7. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

- **Regular Cleaning:** The removable bottom panel facilitates easy cleaning. Lift the roof, slide out the bottom panel, and clean

it with a pet-safe cleaner and water. Allow it to dry completely before reinserting.

- **Exterior Care:** Wipe down the exterior wood surfaces with a damp cloth as needed. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage the wood or paint.
- **Roof Inspection:** Periodically check the asphalt roof for any signs of wear or damage to ensure its waterproof integrity.
- **Door Flaps:** Ensure the PVC door flaps are clean and flexible. Replace if they become stiff or damaged.
- **Hardware Check:** Annually, or as needed, check all screws and hinges for tightness and re-tighten if necessary.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Pet Not Using Shelter:** Pets may need time to adjust. Try placing familiar items, treats, or catnip inside. Ensure the entrance is clear and the interior is clean and inviting.
- **Water Inside House:** While the house is designed to be weatherproof, extreme conditions or improper placement can lead to moisture. Ensure the roof is properly closed and consider moving the house to a more sheltered location if water ingress occurs. Check for any gaps in assembly.
- **House Feels Cold:** The insulation helps retain heat, but it does not generate heat. In very cold climates, supplemental warmth from a pet-safe heating pad (ensure it is rated for outdoor use and properly installed) or additional insulating bedding may be necessary.
- **Difficulty Assembling:** Review the assembly instructions and diagrams carefully. Ensure all parts are oriented correctly. If pre-drilled holes seem misaligned, double-check the panel orientation. Do not force parts together.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	PET18
Brand	PetsCosset
External Dimensions (L x W x H)	22.44" x 18.43" x 17.52"
Internal Dimensions (L x W x H)	18.19" x 13.39" x 13.9"
Material	Solid Fir Wood, Asphalt Roof, PVC Door Flaps, Foam Insulation
Item Weight	19.4 Pounds
Color	Grey
Assembly Required	Yes

SIZING INFO

Perfect for cats, small dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoises, hedgehogs, etc.



Figure 5: Dimensional overview of the cat house, indicating external measurements and entrance size.

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This PetsCosset PET18 Outdoor Insulated Feral Cat House comes with a **90-day manufacturer's warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.

For warranty claims, missing parts, or technical support, please contact PetsCosset customer service. Please have your purchase receipt and model number (PET18) available when contacting support.

Contact information for customer support can typically be found on the product packaging or the retailer's website where the product was purchased.