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The Cat Depot, a feline adoption center in Sarasota, reopened late last year after a “green” redesign by The Schimberg Group. What used to be a nondescript warehouse is now a 10,000-square-foot study in kitty sustainability. Barron Schimberg, owner of The Schimberg Group, an architectural and interior design group in Sarasota, says he studied cat behavior for months before jumping into the unusual project.

“Cats that are more social are easier to adopt out,” he says. “The design reflects that concept.”

The Depot’s design features 10x15-foot “pods” where cats can roam free and even wander out to their own enclosed lanai. The building’s green features include translucent panels throughout that were added for natural daylight; a highly-reflective white roof; low VOC paints; and an “extremely efficient” HVAC system.

“We kept things as industrial and as raw as possible,” Schimberg says, “which also cuts down on labor and energy.”



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