Heated Cat Beds and Pads

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When it comes to cats, there are two things to keep in mind regarding their comfort. First of all, they are heat-seeking animals, found often in a sunny spot next to a heat vent, but seldom in the path of a cold draft. Second, they sleep most of the day away, racking up as many as 16 sleep hours daily.

Instinctive heat-seeking behavior is displayed at birth, when facial temperature receptors enable your cat to find her mother even before she can open her eyes. As she ages, those receptors become more sensitive, making supplemental heat sources very important to her comfort and well-being, especially in senior arthritic cats. As far as her excessive sleep habits, the benchmarks of a content cat are warmth, security, and a full stomach - all of which are powerful sleep triggers.

Where and how she sleeps, however, can make a big difference in her comfort and overall health. This is especially true during cooler weather. While you sleep under an extra blanket, make sure your cat also gets the warmth she needs with a heated bed, pad, or perch, located away from outside doors, drafts, or under-insulated areas of your home.

Low wattage heated beds or pads warm to approximately 102°F, the average body temperature of most cats, or raise the bed temperature just a few degrees above the ambient room temperature, making them extremely inviting.

You've got many options for keeping your cat warm and toasty. She'll appreciate it even more if you give her a few options. Here are a few of our favorites.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Cats that burrow into hampers or baskets for warmth will

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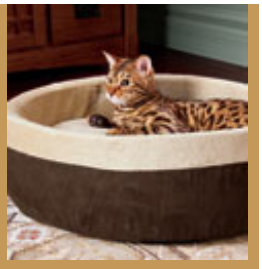
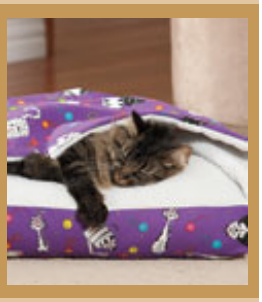
certainly appreciate **Heated Cat Cup** with its fleecy soft walls and 1" thick foam frame that cradles your cat in absolute comfort and luxury. It surrounds your cat with warmth and security like no other cat bed and will soon become your cat's favorite naptime spot. This is the perfect bed for cats of all ages, especially older cats that need firm, non-shifting orthopedic support underneath their sore joints.



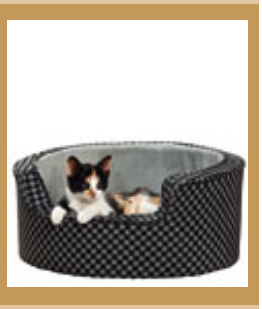
Kitty Sill gives your cat the elevated window view she seeks, combined with a snuggly fleece-covered foam bed. It's the ideal solution for comfort and warmth next to the window on a chilly day.

For cats that love to go under blankets, **Hide-a-Way Bed** enables cats to literally crawl under the covers to keep body heat in. MiracleLoft® polyfil provides support underneath and fluffy fleece surrounds her as she crawls under the attached blanket.

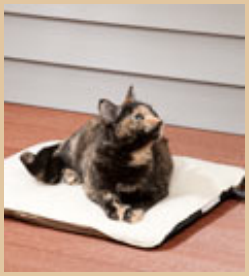


Ultra-soft **Cozy Cushion®** contains a special thermo-reflective material that conserves your cat's body heat and reflects it back, warming her without electricity. Its heavy-duty plush fabric is machine washable.

The **Self-Warming Comfy Sleeper** features a microsuede-style cover with an inner material that reflects your cat's body heat back to her and also holds heat like insulation. This cat bed's 1.5" foam side walls offer soothing support and security. Dipped front entrance eases access for kittens and older cats. Cover has an attached poly-filled center pillow and a non-slip bottom. The polyfil used in this bed is made from recycled plastic bottles.



Thermostatically controlled **Indoor/Outdoor Heated Bed** offers warmth only where pet lies. Energy efficient technology doesn't heat the entire surface of the bed. Bed warms to your pet's normal body temperature. Tough exterior protects inner orthopedic pad. Plus, unique air valve makes this bed fully adjustable. Includes a soft fleece cover and 5.5 ft steel wrapped chew-resistant MET-Listed cord.



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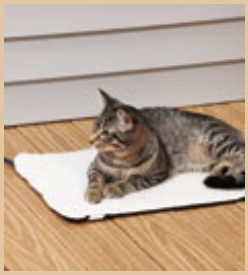
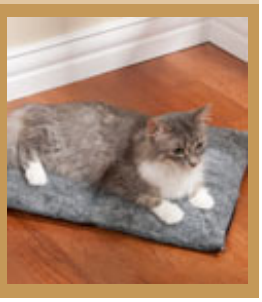
K&H Deluxe Thermo Hooded Cat Bed is a hooded hideout and source of radiant heat - in one cozy bed. A dual thermostat heating unit is buried within its thick premium polyfil pillow base. The heating unit uses only 4 watts, which adds up to just pennies per month in energy costs - even when it's plugged in continuously. The heating unit can also be removed from the bed seasonally or anytime heat is not needed.

K&H Extreme Weather Heated Kitty Pad provides an essential source of warmth for any cat that spends time outdoors. Its internal thermostat warms to a cozy 102°F, providing a surface that is comfortable for cats even in the coldest of temperatures. Place in a shed, garage, barn or anywhere your outdoor kitties spend time. Rugged ABS plastic exterior is water-resistant and includes a cozy fleece cover.



The **K&H Amazin' Thermo Kitty Pad** offers a special polyester exterior that attracts pet dander, cat hair and dust. Inside the zippered cover, an energy efficient warmer operates for just pennies a month and heats to a comfortable 102°F when kitty lays on the pad, and it stays 10 -15°F warmer than ambient room temperature when left plugged in but unoccupied.



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