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The new designer habitat to showcase cats and kittens up for adoption at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA is appropriately named the *Cataquarium*. A curved floor-to-ceiling glass-walled room for viewing the adorable felines gives viewers the sense of peering into a spacious fish bowl. What seems to be a live aquarium with swimming fish on the wall actually is a 58-inch flat-screen TV.

The ASID and San Diego Humane Society competition for the design was won by interior designer Anne Kellett, who says “the project possessed me. The ideas just kept coming. I’ve always been fascinated by aquariums but I also had a cat who loved to watch

a screensaver with swimming fish.”

The challenge was for the designer to create a homelike atmosphere within the large room, including a “kitchen” and “back porch.” Cubbies and multiple shelves for climbing, posing and napping are cat friendly — as are the *Flor House Pet* floor tiles, Kravet crypton bench fabric, a washable microfleece and other practical materials. Chairs are from IKEA with washable slipcovers. Muralists Derek Deliberatis and Grace Ann Piano volunteered many hours of decorative painting.

Anne Kellett, ASID, winner of the design competition for the San Diego Humane Society cat habitat



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