



## **Barn Cats FAQ**

The barn cats are usually feral or semi-feral cats who come into the shelter but are not sociable enough for adoption. All have been spayed or neutered and have had rabies and FVRCP vaccinations.

The barn cats will need a safe place where they can be protected from extreme cold, hot, and wet weather. They will need consistent daily food and water. In return, they will help keep your area free from rodents, snakes, and most vermin. Some are quite feral, some not so much. Many will become quite friendly with a little time and kind treatment. It is best to not try to pet them until/unless they come to you.

We recommend keeping new cats contained inside a large kennel inside your barn or other shelter for two full weeks, while they become acclimated (by smell) to you and their new home and surroundings. After two weeks, you tie the kennel door open for another week so they can come and go. Most will 'run for the hills' but will return at nights and eventually stay if food and water is still provided.

We usually recommend at least three (3) cats. Most people do like to have another cat around and it is good company for the other cat to have a companion. With three, if one leaves, you still have a pair.

We bring out two large dog kennels that we attach to make one long run about 6 feet long. In it, we put a box for them to hide in (usually a cat carrier with the door removed, or a cooler in cold weather). We also furnish a litter box, scoop, and food and water dishes. After the third week is over, we will then pick up the setup or you may bring it back to us. Many people feed them at the same time in the evening and are able to close them inside the barn/shelter at night for their safety from predators.

There is no charge for the cats or the service, but donations are welcome, either monetary or supplies (such as kennels, litter boxes, litter, flat bottom stainless steel food/water bowls, food, 8" zip ties).