



Adopt a Barn Cat

Barn cats are great working cats! In fact, they can be your barn's new best friend. They will keep your barn and property rodent free. Utilizing cats for rodent control is a greener alternative than using toxic poisons to control rodents and pests.

Caretakers of barn cats will need to provide food & water daily, and keep them safe from extreme heat or cold. Relocating barn cats can be a bit tricky, so a brief transition period in a large kennel is required. Harbor Humane Society will guide you through this process to make your new barn cat become acclimated to his/her new home.

If you are interested in adopting a barn cat, please fill out the following form and we will be in touch with you.

Contact Info:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Why do you want to adopt barn cats?

How many barn cats would you like?

Most cats are hardcore feral (wild) but some are somewhat friendly or getting that way. Friendly cats will want to be with you, will follow you around and likely try to come into your home. If you want strong mousers that will keep to themselves and take care of business, feral is the best way to go.

What personality type are you looking for? Feral Friendly Doesn't Matter

What is your current means of rodent control? Cats Poison Live Traps Kill Traps Other



Cat housing:

What is your outbuilding situation? Barn with animals Barn without animals Pole Barn
Garage Other: _____

Is it heated? Yes No

Is there anything else we should know about your building situation? _____

Other cats:

Do you have any other cats on your property? Yes No

How many? _____

Are those cats spayed and neuter? Yes, all the cats are fixed Some of the cats are fixed
None of the cats are fixed I don't know

Dogs:

Do you have any dogs that can come in contact with the cats? Yes No

How are these dogs with cats? _____

Relocating Barn Cats:

Barn cats need to be rehomed properly to ensure they stay put. You will be asked to follow our guidelines to ensure successful rehoming for these barn cats.

Are you willing to do that? Yes No

Do you have a cage (dog kennel) at least 36" deep? Yes No

Who will tend to cats needs daily? _____

If the cats look sick or get injured, what will you do? _____

How did you hear about us? Petco Petfinder.com Media Word of Mouth/Referral

Other: (please explain) _____



Rehoming Barn Cats

Relocating feral and outdoor cats is not as easy as physically placing them in their new outdoor home. Cats are very territorial, and if you simply place them in a new location, they will try to find their way back to where they came from, often times killing themselves in the process. Fortunately, feral and outdoor cats can be acclimated to a new territory fairly easy and in a short amount of time.

1. Place the cat in a large cage or kennel within the building they will be calling home. Give the cat a small towel lined carrier with the door held open with a small bungee cord, food and water, and a litter box. Clay litter is better than clumping in this environment, as clumping litter can get wet or in the water bowl, making a sticky mess that is more difficult to clean up.
2. Clean the litter box and give fresh food and water daily. This can easily be done by closing the cat inside the carrier (the one you have bungeed open) to keep the cat safe while you are tending to its needs.
3. After 2-3 weeks, you can open the cage door. Food and water should be kept both inside and outside of the cage. Once the cats leave, they may never want to go back into the cage.
4. After two more weeks, the cats should be comfortable in their new home and the cage and supplies can be taken away.
5. Caring for your barn cat is as easy as providing fresh food and water daily. Some barn cat caregivers keep litter pans inside their barns, but often are rarely used. Never rely on outdoor cats to sustain themselves on rodents alone, they need a nutrient rich diet to sustain a healthy life.