

## Barn Cat Info

HSWC regularly takes in formerly outdoor or indoor/outdoor, semi-social or semi-feral cats that are not suitable for our adoption program. Our 'Working Cat' or barn cat program is designed to find homes in barns, warehouses, farms, outbuildings, and other safe locations where they would thrive. For most, outside is home.

### Why adopt a barn cat?

Barn cats benefit their caretakers! Supporting a barn cat is the safest way to control the rodent population in your barn, warehouse, or other storage areas. There are no poisons for children and pets to get into and no need to set nasty traps. Barn cats will keep rodents away and you will have the satisfaction of giving them a much needed home. Since they will be spayed and neutered, you won't have to worry about unwanted litters, yowling, or fighting, resulting in a stable population.

Each barn cat adoption includes:

- General physical exam
- Spay or neuter surgery
- Ear tip and/or microchip
- Rabies vaccine
- Initial flea treatment
- Barn cat introduction flyer on introducing and caring for barn cats

Please note: HSWC prefers to adopt out barn cats in at least pairs (but not limited to) as the relocation process tends to be easier with a friend. Single barn cats may be adopted out on a case-by-case basis to barn homes that already have an established colony.

### What will you provide?

- A warm, secure, dry building or space for shelter from the elements and predators
- The space and ability to keep new barn cats confined to a sheltered, small, enclosed area or large dog crate for up to three weeks to acclimate them to their new environment before release
- Regular daily food and water
- Monitoring and providing for the safety and well-being of the cats
- Willingness to vaccinate the cats once every three years (by trapping, if necessary) and provide licensed vet care in the event of severe injury or illness

## What is the adoption fee?

Barn cats adoptions are PICK YOUR OWN PRICE, so adopters can choose how much they would like to donate. HSWC relies on these donations to cover the costs of providing all the medical care to each cat.

## Ready to adopt?

- All adopters must have an approved application on file
- Adopters understand that there are only certain cats designated for this program and an employee or volunteer will gladly point you in the direction of those specific cats
- Adopters understand we may not have a good candidate for a barn cat at the exact moment you come in, but that you can be put on a wait list and we will notify you when someone becomes available