Basics of Barn Cat Care

Rehoming Your New Barn Cat

Welcome Home!

Please take these four initial steps to get your barn cat acquainted to its new home

Step one: Place your barn cats personal kennel where ever the barn cat's main territory will be with litter, food and water. Keep the kennel door open with a small bungee cord, the door of the kennel should be exposed to a larger enclosed area allowing the cat to explore and become acquainted with its new home without escaping.

Step two: Clean the litter box and give fresh food and water daily.

Step three: After three weeks you may open the large kennel door. Leave the food, water and litter inside the cage. The cat may seem not to come back initially but, knowing where their food and water is makes them understand that's their home, so give them time.

Step four: After another two weeks, you may remove the cage supplies and keep food and water in an open area. Litter pans or boxes may be used but are not necessary. Continue to replenish clean food, water and optional litter box every day.

Tips for the Wellbeing of Your Barn Cat

Food Tips

o Replenish your cat's food twice a day, you want your cat to hunt for fun and pest control, not for its food.
o Never leave food out overnight for unwelcomed guests.
o Recommended food brands: *Friskies Wet/Dry food, 9 Lives dry food, Meow Mix dry food* (Recommended by BarnCatLady.com)

Keeping them Healthy

o Rabies vaccine and boosters are necessary to keep up with for their protection.
o Deworm your cat regularly, which can be done through purchased oral medications. Also, give them monthly heart worm preventatives, if possible (topical solutions may be easiest).
o Have a name and number for emergency veterinary care.
o Pay attention to your cat's stool, it is a great indicator of health. If they are experiencing severe diarrhea take them to the vet right away. Also, be aware of worms or other parasites in stool to indicate if it is time for deworming.
o Confine your barn cats at night to protect them from larger predators.