When the Cats Cannot Stay

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Agenda

- Mission and Goals
- History
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- The Relocation Process
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Mission

To promote the well-being of urban feral and semi-feral cats by placing them in safe, secure barn homes where they can live out their lives.

- Relocation
- Education
- Sterilization

Note: Barn Cats does relocation ONLY – we do not have traps and/or funds for spay/neuter.
The Foundation

Remember

- TNR is always the best solution.
- These are not pets.
- Not all barns are created equal.
- An older barn may be better than a new barn.
- Shed, carport or garage may work as well as a barn.
...in the beginning

- September 2003
- An idea and a few borrowed cages
- All cats housed at my home
- Got the name incorporated, 501C3 completed, and a logo designed
- Placed:
  - 31 in 2003
  - 294 in 2004
  - 410 in 2005
  - 399 in 2006
- Now have 13 volunteers (6 active)
The Cats

Criteria for Acceptance

We do not accept...

Where do they come from?

Note: Barn Cats volunteers do all the relocations. A barn owner cannot come pick up cats. Also, we reserve the right to NOT LEAVE the cats if we do not think it is a safe place.
Housing a Feral Cat before Relo
The Relocation Process

Finding Barn Homes

The Interview Process

Note: If the relocation site is a horse riding or boarding stable, this is a “business” to these folks. Yes, they may need cats, but generally they do not pay any attention to them and the cats “take off” when released.
The Relocation Process

Moving the Cats

Setting up the Cages for a Relo
The Relocation Process

Paperwork (Leave a Folder)
- Relocation Agreement
- Equipment Checklist
- Care Giver Instructions
- Other Recommendations
  - Predator control
  - Spay/neuter assistance
  - Extreme heat/cold instructions
- Contact Information
Questions?
Thank You!