# When the Cats Cannot Stay

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### Agenda

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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

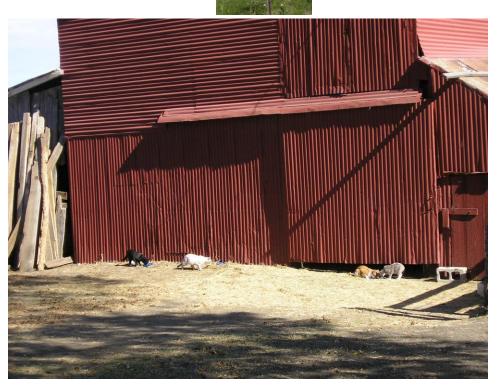
- TNR is always the best solution.
- These are not pets.
- Not all barns are created equal.
- An older barn may be better than a new barn.
- Shed, carport or garage may work as well as a barn.



...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**

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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!