“Got Rats? We Have Cats!”
The Barn Cats Story

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Agenda

- Feral Cats
- ...in the beginning
- The Cats
- Housing a Feral Cat
- Finding Barn Homes
- The Interview Process
- The Relocation Process
- Funding
- Questions
Feral Cats

- Shadow Cats
- Non-domesticated cat
  - Born in the wild
  - Abandoned by humans and “turned”
  - Feral vs. stray
- Life-span of 2 to 8 years
- Urban nuisance
- Trap/Neuter/Return
...in the beginning

- September 2003
- An idea and a few borrowed cages
- Got the name incorporated, 501C3 completed, and designed a logo and website
- By December 2011 placed 3,869
  - 31 in 2003
  - 294 in 2004
  - 410 in 2005
  - 399 in 2006
  - 462 in 2007
  - 622 in 2008
  - 593 in 2009
  - 476 in 2010
  - 582 in 2011
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

...in the beginning

Barning is all we do!
We do not do trapping and/or adoptions.

Non-Toxic Pest Control
The Cats

Criteria for Acceptance

- Sterilized adults – NO KITTENS!
- Negative feline leukemia test
- Rabies / distemper shots
- Cage available

Where do they come from?

- Individuals
- TNR & adoption groups
- Animal Services
- North Texas unless national disaster
- Hoarders – AHHHHH!
Denison Hoarder – May, 2009
Housing a Feral Cat before Relo
Finding Barn Homes

- Not all barns are created equal
- Shed, garage, carport or warehouse may work as well
- Press releases to small town newspapers
- Dairy farms, warehouses, horse riding/boarding, plant nurseries, etc.
- www.ohorse.com
The Interview Process

1. Where is the barn located?
2. Do you live on the property?
3. How far is the barn from the house?
4. How large is the barn?
5. Is it just a hay barn or do you keep horses, cattle, or goats?
6. Can the barn be totally closed in or is it open on one side?
7. Do you have wooden, hay, or concrete flooring?
8. Are there coyotes close by?
9. Do you have a donkey, Great Pyrenees, or lama for coyote control?
10. Do you currently have a cat on the property?
11. Have you had cats in the past? If so, what happened to them?
12. How many cats would you like?
13. Do you want “feral” cats or more friendly cats?
14. Is there a phone number where I can reach you to "put a plan" together?
15. Please provide a backup number…just in case!
The Relocation Process

Moving the Cats

Setting up the Cages for a Relo
The Relocation Process

Paperwork

• Care Giver Instructions
• Other Recommendations
  • Predator control
  • Spay/neuter assistance
  • Extreme heat/cold instructions
• Relocation Agreement
• Contact Information
Barn Cat Service Area
37 Texas Counties
The Cats

Barn Cats volunteers do all the relocations.

We reserve the right to refuse placement of the cats if we do not think it is a safe place or we get the impression that the barn owner will not properly care for the cats.
Funding

Donations

- People who release cats
- Barn owners who take cats

Grants

Auction Fundraisers
TV Opportunities

Questions?

Join the Barn Cat Blog at

http://barncatslewisville.blogspot.com/
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Thank You!