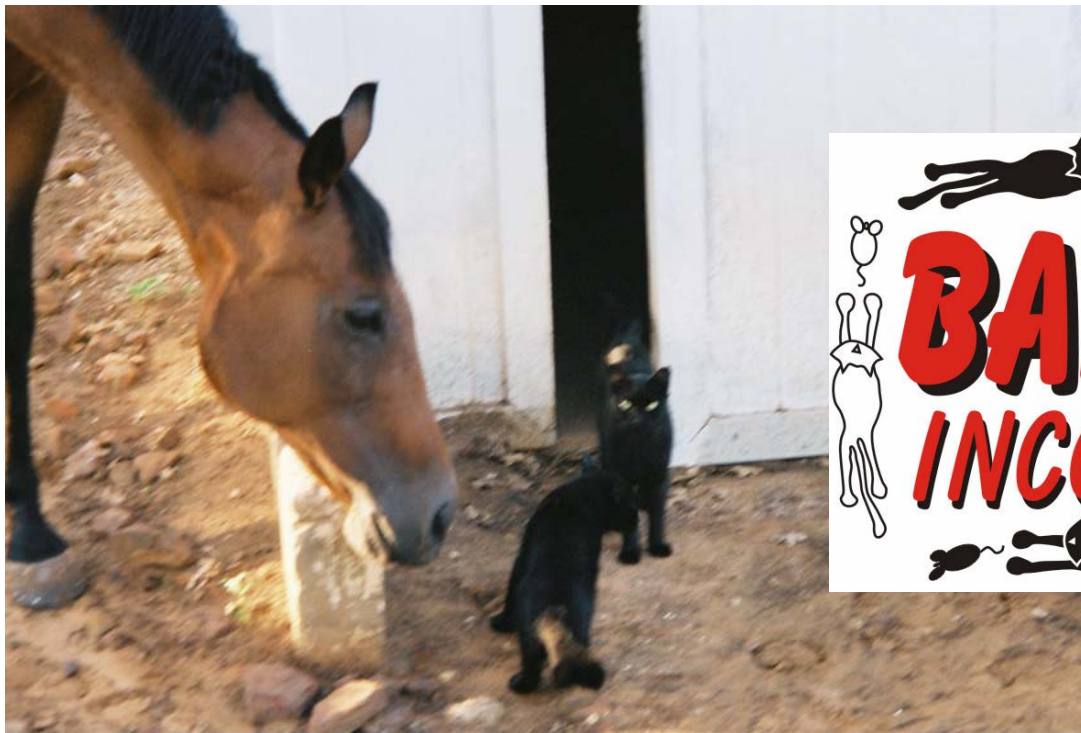


When the Cats Cannot Stay

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Agenda

- ❖ Mission and Goals
- ❖ History
- ❖ The Cats
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- ❖ Hints & Tips for a Successful Relo
- ❖ Housing a Feral Cat before Relo
- ❖ Overall Recommendations
- ❖ The “Texas” Katrina Barn Cats – Where are they now?



The Foundation



Remember

- ❖ 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.



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.

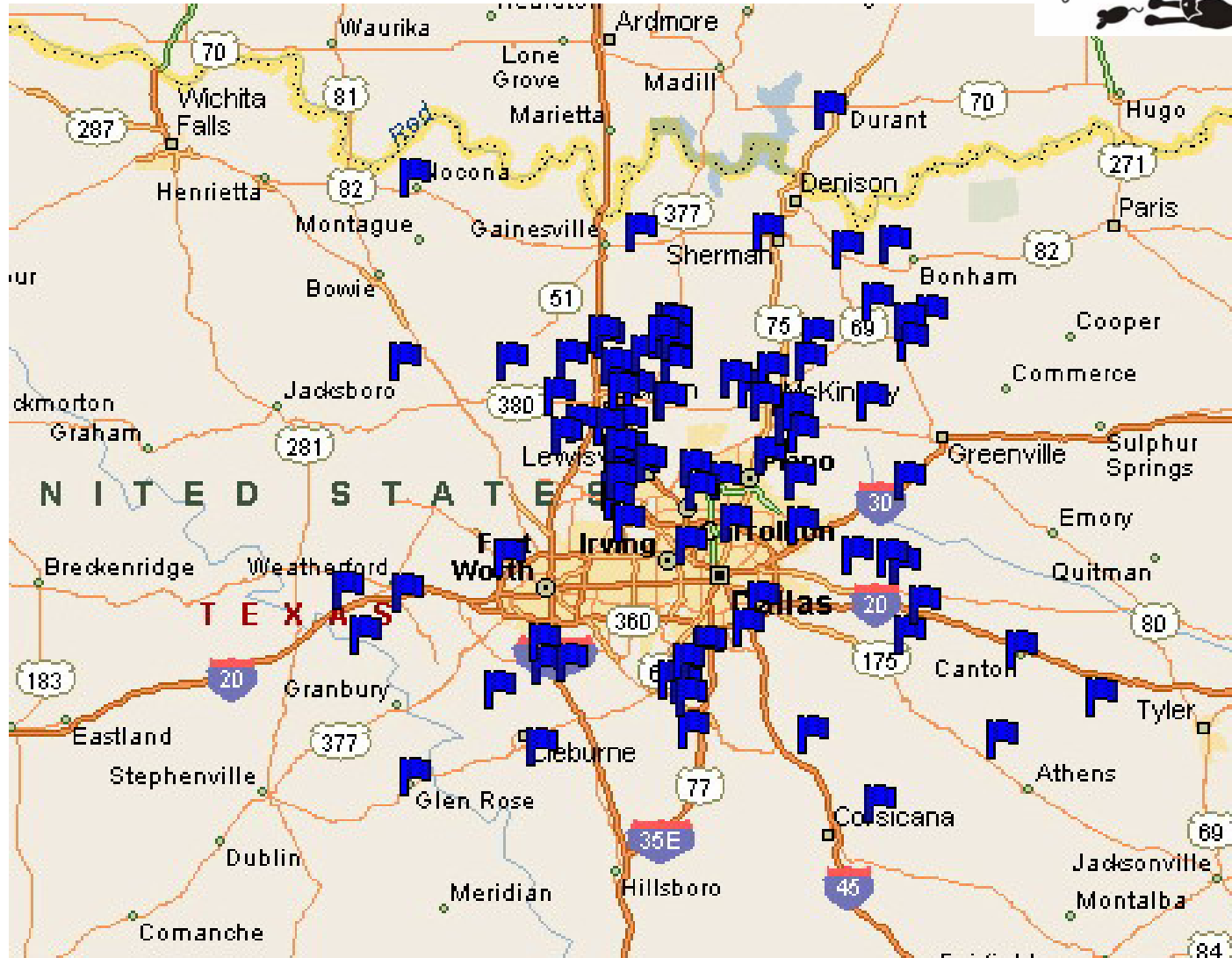


...in the beginning

- ❖ September 2003
- ❖ An idea and a few borrowed cages
- ❖ All cats housed at my home
- ❖ Home phone number is the Barn Cat number
- ❖ Received some publicity and got one volunteer
- ❖ Organized a Board of Directors
- ❖ Got the name incorporated, 501C3 completed, and a logo designed
- ❖ Placed:
 - 31 in 2003
 - 294 in 2004
 - 410 in 2005
 - 215 by June 18, 2006
- ❖ Now have 13 volunteers (6 active)



2005 – 410 Cats Placed



The Cats

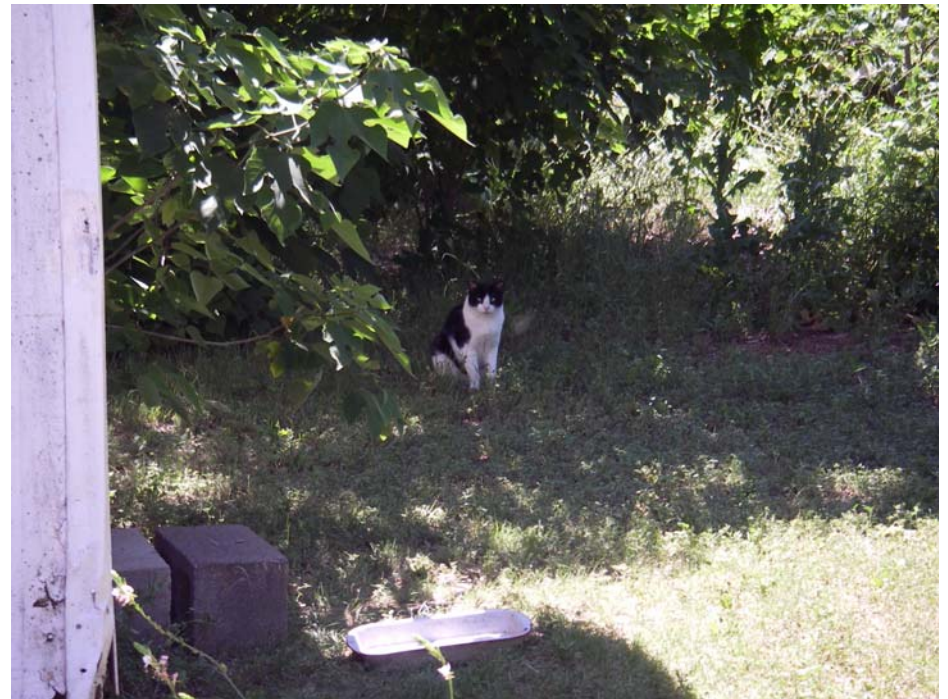


Criteria for Acceptance

We do not accept...

Where do they come from?

Placement Criteria



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.

The Relocation Process

Finding Barn Homes

The Interview Process

Rejection Criteria “Red Flags”

Other Factors to Consider

What Makes a “Good” Barn Home?



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

Paperwork (Leave a Folder)

- Relocation Agreement
- Equipment Checklist
- Care Giver Instructions
- Other Recommendations
 - Predator control
 - Spay/neuter assistance
 - Extreme heat/cold instructions
- Contact Information



The Relocation Process



Hints and Tips for a Successful Relo



Other Recommendations



Housing a Feral Cat before Relo

Overall Recommendations

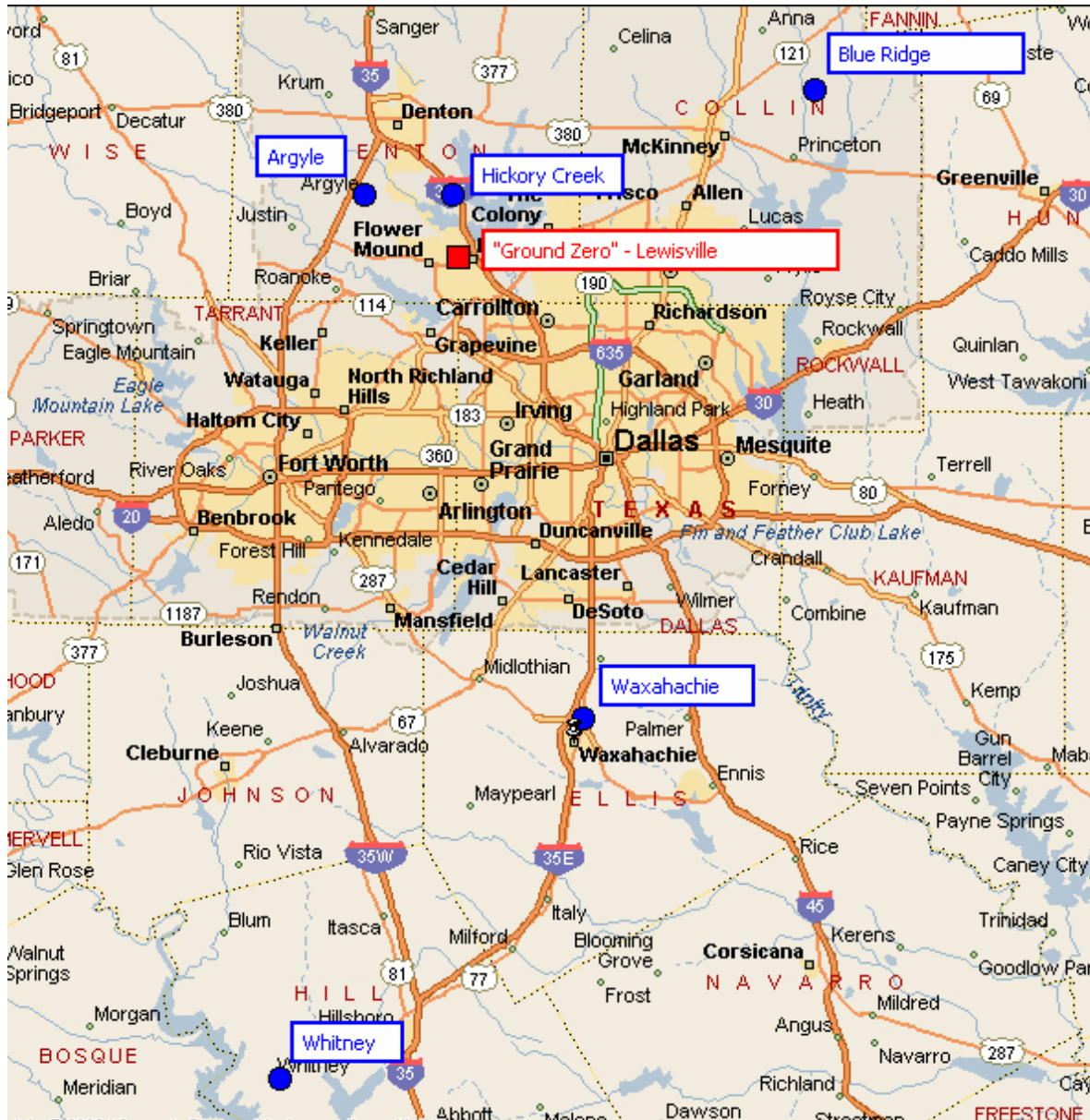


The Katrina Cats

- Tuesday, April 25th
- Picked up 15 cats in Shreveport
- From the Louisiana SPCA in New Orleans
- Track and document as these cats are placed



The Katrina Cats



Group 1 – Blue Ridge
Colin County

Group 2 – Hickory Creek
Denton County

Group 3 – Argyle
Denton County

Group 4 – Lake Whitney
Hill County

Group 5 – Waxahachie
Ellis County

The Katrina Cats

Group One (2 cats) – May 13th

- Trapped in November, 2005:
 - #716 (tabby)
 - #734 (tabby/white)
- From: New Orleans
- To: Blue Ridge, TX (Colin County)
- One additional friendly cat
“Bullseye”



The Katrina Cats

Group One (2 cats) – May 13th
– Blue Ridge



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The Katrina Cats



Group Two (3 cats) – May 15th

- Trapped in November and December, 2005:
 - #451 (tabby) from the Lower 9th Ward
 - #925 (gray/white) from Uptown
 - #618 (orange/white) from Algiers
- To: Hickory Creek, TX (Denton County)



The Katrina Cats

Group Two (3 cats) – May 15th
– Hickory Creek



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The Katrina Cats

Group Three (2 cats) – May 15th

- Trapped in November, 2005:
 - #786 (orange tabby/white) from the Mid-City
 - #373 (gray/white) from the Lower 9th Ward
- To: Argyle, TX (Denton County)



The Katrina Cats

Group Three (2 cats) – May 15th
– Argyle



The Katrina Cats

Group Three (2 cats) – May 15th
– Argyle



The Katrina Cats



Group Four (4 cats) – May 17th

- Trapped in December, 2005 and January, 2006:
 - #945 (calico) & #976 (gray tabby) from Uptown
 - #1425 (tabby) & #1426 (black) from East
- To: Lake Whitney, TX (Hill County)



The Katrina Cats

Group Four (4 cats) – May 17th
– Lake Whitney



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– Lake Whitney



The Katrina Cats

Group Four (4 cats) – May 17th
– Lake Whitney



The Evening Feeding Frenzy



The Katrina Cats

Group Five (3 cats) – May 20th

- Trapped in November, 2005
 - #458 (black) from East
 - #641 (black) from Uptown
 - #605 (orange/white) from the Lower 9th Ward
- To: Waxahachie, TX (Ellis County)



The Katrina Cats

Group Five (3 cats) – May 20th
– Waxahachie



Questions?





Thank You!