



# Barn Cat

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*Congratulations on adopting a working cat and saving a life!*

### What is a barn cat?

Barn cats are semi-feral or feral felines that primarily live on farms or rural properties. They're known for their strong hunting instincts. They play a crucial role in rodent control and maintain a balanced eco-system in rural areas.

For the meager cost of cat food, water and shelter, feral cats will help you keep your building rodent free.

Through Metro East Friends of Ferals, the cats come to you spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and ear tipped at no cost to you. What a deal!



### Acclimation Instructions

1. Use a large crate or enclosed area in your barn to acclimate your feline family member to their new home. They will need a litter box, cat food, water, bowls and a box with straw to hide in. Keep them here for 3 to 5 weeks.
2. Talk to your new friend as you feed and clean their enclosure. Learning the sound of your voice is key. It's also a good time for your other animals to get to know the new feline farm hands. The more comfortable they are prior to release the more likely they are to stick around.
3. After the acclimation period, leave the cage or room door open and allow them to explore on their own. Leave their safe space open so they can come and go. They usually find comfort in this familiar spot.

