

## BARN CAT PROGRAM FAQ'S

### **How much does it cost to adopt a barn cat?**

The adoption fee is waived. You will be responsible for ongoing veterinary care (as necessary), food, water, and shelter.

### **What do I do when I bring the cat/s home?**

When you bring the new cat/s home, they will need to be confined to an escape-proof room or enclosure like a tack room, garage, coop, or XXL dog crate for 2-4 weeks while they acclimate to their new surroundings. You will need to feed/water and clean the litter pan daily during the confinement period. After the confinement period, the cats will usually accept their new home and surroundings and may be released. You will continue to provide daily food and water and allow them access to shelter such as a barn or garage.

### **Are barn cats spayed/neutered?**

Yes. All barn cats come spayed/neutered, they are current on vaccinations, microchipped, and ear tipped.

### **What do the barn cats require?**

The cats require shelter in a permanent building or structure like a barn, shed, stable, or garage in a suitable rural area where they will be safe. The property should be at least .5 miles away from busy roads.

Daily food and water must be provided, as well as any future medical care needed.

### **Can I come look at, or select, my barn cats?**

When you are scheduled to adopt, we will select barn cats for you based on which cats are the most eager to enter a cat carrier for us. If you have a color, age, or gender preference, we will do our best to accommodate you, though, we are not able to make any promises!

### **Do you have any friendly barn cats?**

No, the cats in the barn cat program are typically not social, friendly cats or suited to be pets. They have no desire to be "lap cats" and cannot be touched, or they may take a long time to trust enough to pet.

We strongly encourage adopters to offer cats in this program an independent outdoor life complemented by appropriate care and shelter like a barn or garage.

### **Barn Kittens?**

The youngest cats in the Barn Cat Program are approximately six months old. The ASCMV will not adopt younger kittens as barn cats, as they do not yet have the knowledge, size, or skills to remain safe outdoors. Most cats in the barn cat program are young adults between one and five years of age, though we do have younger and older cats available occasionally.