

# Kingdom Animal Shelter Barn Cat Program

This program is designed to find homes for cats that would not do well living in a home.

Barn cats benefit their caretakers! A barn cat is the safest way to control the rodent population in your barn. There is no need for poisons that children and pets could get into and no need to set nasty traps. Additionally, you get the satisfaction of giving them a much-needed home! Kingdom Animal Shelter volunteers will assist you while the cats settle into their new home, and because they are already spayed or neutered, you don't have to worry about kittens!

Barn cat placement increases in the summer and fall months. Filling out a Barn Cat Adoption Application is the first step to adopting. This information is important for us to select the proper cats for your situation. When we believe we have a match for you, we will contact you. We don't always have suitable cats available so we keep a waiting list and will fill your request as soon as possible.

Cats that are placed into our Barn Cat Program fall under at least one of four main categories:

- Cats whose litterbox habits are not consistent enough to be inside only cats
- Cats who were found as strays and who may be too independent to live indoors
- Cats who are very shy or fearful of people and have experience outdoors
- Cats who are feral or semi-feral and are too old to socialize

We will not place cats who are best suited as house pets or kittens under 10 weeks of age. We often recommend placing barn cats as pairs when they are feral or semi-feral and may require this with certain cats as these cats tend to be more successful in pairs.

All cats are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations, dewormed, on a flea/tick preventative, and ear tipped/microchipped for identification purposes. If you would like to adopt a cat through this program, please fill out and return the Barn Cat Adoption Application.

Fees: While there is no set adoption fee for barn cats, we appreciate donations to help offset the cost of their medical care.



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### Kingdom Animal Shelter Barn Cat Adoption Application and Agreement

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Way/Time to Reach You: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location Where Cats Will Reside: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us why you want barn cats: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you going to be the primary caregiver of the cats on your property? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, who will care for the cats? \_\_\_\_\_

How many cats are you interested in adopting? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in: Feral cats? \_\_\_\_ Semi-feral? \_\_\_\_ Friendly? \_\_\_\_ Male? \_\_\_\_ Female? \_\_\_\_

Have you ever had barn cats at this location before? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have barn cats at this location currently? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, are the cats up-to-date on vaccinations and are spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you previously had barn cats that are deceased, how long did they live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to them? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you: Own your home \_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_ Live with parents \_\_\_\_ Live with roommate(s) \_\_\_\_

If renting, name and phone number of landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

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What type of shelter is available for the cats on your property?

Closed Barn? \_\_\_\_\_ Open Barn? \_\_\_\_\_ Horse stable? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these outbuildings heated in the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a secure containment area where the newly relocated cats can be kept safely for the first 2 to 4 weeks while they adjust to their new home? Describe briefly.

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(If not, Kingdom Animal Shelter may be able to loan you a large dog crate for the duration)

Can you provide and clean a litter box during the initial confinement period? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide food and fresh water for the cats on a daily basis for their lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to feed some canned cat food for the first few weeks? \_\_\_\_\_

(This helps bond the cats to you and their new home)

How will the cats be cared for when you or the primary caregiver travel away from home? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any events that could prevent you from keeping these cats for their lifetime. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any comments or questions?

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## Kingdom Animal Shelter Barn Cat Adoption Agreement

As a participant of the barn cat adoption program, I understand and agree to the following:

- The cats have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies.
- I am over 21 years of age.
- I have knowledge and consent of all adults in my household.
- I have the property owner's or landlord's consent to bring the cats to live on the property.
- I agree to a barn site visit, to assure a secure area and safe transition for the cats.
- I will provide the cats a dry, safe shelter with adequate warmth during winter months.
- I will provide an adequate amount of nutritious cat food and clean water on a daily basis.
- I will monitor the health and safety of the cats and vaccinate the cats as needed. I understand that Kingdom Animal Shelter can loan me traps to take the cats to the veterinarian.
- I am financially able and willing to pay veterinary expenses in emergency situations.
- If a cat strays prior to being thoroughly acclimatized or has difficulty finding its way back to my barn, I will continue to set out food and water to encourage the cat to stay close. I will also sprinkle that particular cat's used litter (specifically feces) around the property to help lure the cat back to its territory. I understand cats often hide for a period of time, but usually stay on or near the premises.
- I understand that barn cats sometimes will not stay at their rehoming location. I agree to keep feeding for several weeks even if I do not see the cats, to determine whether they have actually left the area.
- If I have to move and cannot take the cats with me or become unable to care for the cats in any way, I will contact Kingdom Animal Shelter.
- I will not give away, sell, relocate, or otherwise forfeit the care of these cats without consulting with Kingdom Animal Shelter.
- If I break any of the provisions of this agreement, Kingdom Animal Shelter is permitted to enter my property to retake possession of these cats.
- I will be financially responsible for any borrowed equipment not returned to Kingdom Animal Shelter within 30 days of adoption.

Kingdom Animal Shelter relies on your generous donations for medications, vaccinations, food, and equipment for this program.

~The average cost for veterinary care is \$400 to \$500 per cat to prepare for adoption. If you are able to make a donation, we would be very grateful. We rely completely on donations to operate our programs. Thanks for saving a life or two or three!

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### For Kingdom Animal Shelter Use:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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