

# Working Cat Placement Program



## GOALS

- To safely place feral, semi-feral or cats with behavior issues that make it unsuitable for a traditional home environment
- To reduce the length of stay for friendly shelter cats that clearly would be more suitable for outside homes

## CATS SELECTION

There are three types of barn cats:

- Feral- True feral cats have been trapped and want nothing to do with humans. They might rarely be seen, will likely come out to eat at night and will keep their distance.
- Semi-feral- These are cats might be used to being around humans, but still keep their interaction to a minimum. They might end up creating a relationship with their caregiver that they will allow attention on their terms.
- Friendly- Cats that can't be placed in the traditional home setting due to issues such as minor biting or scratching or inappropriate litter box habits, but that do like people and might seek affection from their caregiver.

Cats will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated against rabies, and dewormed prior to adoption.

## SUPPLIES

The adopter/caregiver will need to provide the following items to keep the cat(s) contained for two weeks:

- A wire-crate large enough for cat (BCHS can loan one if needed)
- Litter pan for crate
- A hiding box for each cage (BCHS can loan one if needed)
- Cat food (BCHS will provide a starter pack)
- Food and water dishes
- A planned, sheltered location for crate set-up

No more than 2 adult cats per wire crate are recommended.

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

Option 1: The cats travel in their wire crate with a hiding box. The adopter will add the litter box and food and water dishes once they arrive at their permanent location.

Option 2: BCHS staff may crate cats prior to travel. The adopter may set up the wire crate at home and release the cats into it.

## **PROCEDURE**

- Adopter will read informational materials provided (online or hardcopy).
- Adopter will complete a Working Cat Application (online).
- The adoption counselor discusses the application with adopter and see if we have any working cats suitable for that environment.
- An adoption will be completed in our shelter software. The adopter will sign the disclaimer and regular adoption contract.
- The adopter will receive all medical documents and copies of signed documents via email.
- The adopter will get the cat(s) set up and keep them contained for two weeks. After which they will return any borrowed equipment to BCHS.