

THE *Barn* Cat PROJECT

Homeless cats that do not have experience with human interaction are unable to be adopted as house pets. Second Chances believes that just because a cat is born in the wild or on the street does not mean it deserves to be killed. For many cats, The Barn Cat Project is their last resort. Adopting a barn cat is a win-win situation: you will receive non-toxic rodent control and the cat gets a second chance at life. Together we can save cats in need!

Name	
Address	City, State, Zip
Phone(s)	Email Address
I would like to adopt a barn cat at this time because:	

The maximum number of cats I am willing to support is: _____

One of the most important needs of a barn cat is constant access to adequate shelter. Please select that which best describes where the cat will live:

Barn Shop Garage Shed Other _____

Note: answering no to any of the following questions regarding shelter does not disqualify you from adopting. The Barn Cat Project can provide you with waterproof, insulated totes which may be placed inside the building where the cats will reside for additional shelter. Please be honest when answering the following questions:

Will the cat be able to access shelter at any time, day or night? Yes No

Is the shelter you are providing waterproof? Yes No

Does the shelter have wind protection on all sides? Yes No

Are you able to provide bedding (i.e. straw or blankets) inside the shelter? Yes No

Please explain: _____

Is the shelter you are providing insulated? Yes No

Is the shelter you are providing safely heated? Yes No

Do you currently have other cats that share this property? Yes No

If so, do you currently provide cat food for those cats? Yes No

Do you have dogs that run loose in this area? Yes No

Have the dogs ever shown aggression or violence toward cats or small animals? Yes No

Are you able to ensure that the cats will have access to safe zones in which the dogs cannot reach them?

Please describe: _____

When first introducing cats to their new home, it is necessary to confine them for approximately two weeks. This is a non-negotiable step in the process. If you do not, the cats will immediately panic and flee when you release them; you will never see those cats again. The confinement period allows the cat to become familiar with it's new surroundings and recognize that this is where it can always seek shelter and food. If the building the cats will be living in is unable to be secured to prevent escape, some people use an attached tack room or set up a large kennel inside their barn or structure. *The Barn Cat Project can help you with this step.* Are you able to provide a confinement area? Yes No

Cats that are part of The Barn Cat Project are spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and FREE to adopt. However, adopters must agree to certain requirements regarding the basic needs and safety of the cats.

Please read and initial the following paragraphs to indicate your agreement:

I promise never to intentionally bring harm, or allow others to bring harm to the cat(s).

Should a situation arise in which I am unable or unwilling to keep the cat(s), The Barn Cat Project will be immediately notified and given the opportunity to properly trap and relocate the animals.

I understand that it is necessary to confine my barn cat(s) in their new surroundings for at least the first two weeks so that they may become relaxed and familiar with their new home.

I promise to provide cat food and fresh water daily. I understand this will not deter the cats from hunting. Cats rarely can survive on hunting alone and need cat food to supplement their diet.

I agree that I may never have rodent poison of any kind on the premises. Additionally, antifreeze must be kept tightly sealed and in a location that is not accessible to the cats. I understand that these poisons are appealing to animals and will result in fatality.

**Note: Even if you keep rodent poison out of reach of the cats, they are still highly at risk of death. This is because when mice eat the poison, they do not immediately die. If a cat catches and eats a mouse which has ingested poison, it too will die.*

I agree to provide 24/7 access to warm, waterproof shelter and understand that I can ask The Barn Cat Project for assistance with portable, insulated cat shelters.

In the event of injury or illness to the animal, I will either acquire medical care for the cat myself or immediately notify The Barn Cat Project and cooperate with them to see that the animal receives care.

I understand that the majority of the cats involved in The Barn Cat Project are unfamiliar with human contact and may prefer not to be physically handled. While many barn cats become tame and able to be touched once they learn to trust their owners, it is not a guarantee.

I certify that the information I have given is true. I understand that false information may result in the nullification of this agreement. In the event The Barn Cat Project should feel there is cause for concern, representatives from their organization may choose to revoke my permission to serve as an adopter for their program and *have permission to retrieve the animals from my property*.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Completed applications may be returned by email to: secondchancesvolunteers@gmail.com or can be mailed to:
The Barn Cat Project, 958 28th Street West, Dickinson, ND 58601**

For questions or more information about The Barn Cat Project, visit secondchancesvolunteers.org and find us on Facebook!