



POUND RESCUE

BARN CAT AGREEMENT

Thank you for providing a working barn/shop/shed cat with a safe place to live. Barn cats help control rodents and deserve proper care and respect.

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the following responsibilities.

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Number of Cats Adopted: _____

ADOPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand and agree that I will:

SHELTER & SAFETY

- ☐ Provide a safe, secure barn, shop, stable, or other suitable shelter where the cat(s) can live safely.
- ☐ Keep the cat(s) confined in a secure area (such as a tack room, stall, enclosed barn area, or large kennel) for approximately 3–4 weeks to allow them to acclimate to their new surroundings before being released.
- ☐ Provide protection from predators, severe weather, and other hazards whenever reasonably possible.

FOOD & WATER

- ☐ Provide fresh, clean water every day.
- ☐ Provide quality cat food on a regular basis. Barn cats hunt, but they cannot survive on hunting alone.

WINTER CARE

- ☐ Provide a warm, dry shelter and a suitable heat source or insulated sleeping area during cold winter weather.
- ☐ Ensure the shelter remains dry and protected from wind, rain, and snow.

VETERINARY CARE

- ☐ Monitor the health of the cat(s).
- ☐ Seek veterinary care promptly if a cat becomes seriously ill or injured.
- ☐ Provide appropriate medical treatment as recommended by a veterinarian.

HUMANE CARE

- ☐ Never intentionally neglect, abuse, abandon, or mistreat the cat(s).
- ☐ Never relocate or give away the cat(s) without first contacting the rescue/organization.
- ☐ Understand these cats are intended as working barn cats and may never become friendly house pets.
- ☐ Treat the cat(s) humanely and with kindness at all times.

IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE

- ☐ If I am no longer able to care for the cat(s), I agree to contact the rescue/organization before rehoming or surrendering them elsewhere.
- ☐ I understand that every effort should be made to return the cat(s) to the rescue if I cannot continue providing care.

ADDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING

- ☐ I understand that barn cats require time to adjust and may hide or avoid people for several weeks or months.
- ☐ I understand there is no guarantee the cat(s) will remain on my property despite proper acclimation.
- ☐ I understand the rescue cannot guarantee rodent control, personality, hunting ability, or lifespan.
- ☐ I agree to provide lifelong care for the cat(s), including food, water, shelter, and veterinary care.

RESCUE/ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The rescue agrees that, to the best of its knowledge:

- ☐ The cat(s) have been spayed or neutered.
- ☐ The cat(s) have received age-appropriate vaccinations (if applicable).
- ☐ The cat(s) have been treated for parasites when possible.
- ☐ The cat(s) have been assessed as suitable for placement as working barn cats.
- ☐ The cat(s) have been tattooed or microchipped.

ADOPTION DONATION

Adoption Donation (if applicable):

\$ _____

Donation Received:

☐ Yes ☐ No

AGREEMENT

I have read and understand this Barn Cat Agreement. I agree to provide lifelong humane care, food, fresh water, shelter, warmth during winter, and veterinary care as needed. I understand that failure to provide appropriate care may result in the rescue requesting the return of the cat(s), where permitted by law and agreed upon by both parties.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand and accept the responsibilities of adopting working barn cats.

Adopter Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rescue Representative: _____

Date: _____