

THUNDERING PAWS

# BARN CAT PROGRAM



## THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING A BARN CAT!

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP YOUR CAT SAFE AND HEALTHY.

- 1.) Place the cats in a kennel, crate, or confined area. If crated, the crate should be inside the barn, shed, or building you want them to live in and always provide a hiding box for them so they can feel safe. **These cats MUST be confined for 3-4 weeks (4 weeks being ideal).** This is crucial to their survival. They are very stressed and scared right now. They will run away and likely die if this step is not followed.
- 2.) Provide basic care (food, water, litter cleaning). Most cats will hide when you feed and clean, but be careful that they don't escape. Make a "kitty kitty" call when you feed so the cat starts to associate your voice with food.
- 3.) At the end of the 3-4 weeks, leave the crate or barn door open and allow the cats to come out on their own. Continue feeding nearby the crate (but not inside it). Cats might continue to sleep in the crate, so leave the crate alone as long as it's still in use.
- 4.) After cats have been released, caring for them is as simple as providing daily food and water. Feeding does not stop them from hunting mice, but rather keeps them healthy and happy. If cats aren't given a consistent, comfortable environment, they will leave.



**PLEASE SPREAD THE  
WORD ABOUT OUR  
BARN CAT PROGRAM!**

We rely on our community to help us save them all.

For more information about barn cats, contact Thundering Paws staff at [info@thunderingpaws.org](mailto:info@thunderingpaws.org) or 512-402-9725.