

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



### Feral Cat Placement Program Adoption Waiver

Most of the cats in our Feral Cat Placement Program are feral or semi-feral and generally only need shelter provided by a barn or shed, warm place to sleep and fresh food and water. Cats that are placed in our Feral Cat Program are cats whose litter box habits are not consistent enough to be inside only cats and/or who have lived or spent time outside per their previous owner, cats that were found as strays, cats that may be too independent and would not be suitable for an indoor home and cats that are shy or fearful of people and prefer to be outdoors and independent. Barn cats are the safest way to control the rodent population in your barn. There is no need to have traps or poisonous bait when you have barn cats these cats will keep rodents away from your food storage areas and buildings.

We will not place cats that are best suited to be house pets as barn cats and we won't place kittens under the age of 4 months as barn cats, unless they are feral/semi-feral without hope of becoming socialized. We recommend placing TWO cats at the same time at the same location to help adaptability, but special circumstances may arise and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

What adopter will provide:

- \*A warm, secure, dry barn or building where the cats can live out their lives
- \*The commitment and ability to keep the cats confined to a crate or enclosed pen for one week to help acclimate them to their new environment before release. This helps the cats adjust and stay in their new surroundings. Provide a constant supply of dry food, fresh water and cleaned litter box daily during confinement period.
- \*After confinement continue to offer constant supply of dry food, fresh water, shelter and monitor for safety and well-being of the cats as their caretakers.
- \*Spending time daily making very contact with the cats so that they become familiar with you and their surroundings.

What Happens after the confinement period?

It's best to open the cage door at night, close all barn doors and windows then leave. Cats will explore their new surroundings during the night and will find safe hiding places, but may prefer the security of their cage. You can continue to provide security by continuing to place their food and water in the cage for a few days with the door open. You will need to continue to provide daily food and water after the cage is removed. Cats are territorial creatures and they will usually maintain a home base once their scent has been established and continuous food source is provided.

DO NOT RELEASE IF IT IS RAINING or the POTENTIAL FOR RAIN- Cats find their home by scent and rain will wash that scent away. Leave the cages up for an additional five days, so the cats can get back in if they want. After the release, we hope that they think of that barn as home and decide to stay.

What SCHS will provide:

\*Large dog crate on loan to keep cats confined for proper acclimation of surroundings.

\*Cats will be surgical altered, ear tipped, vaccinated for Rabies and Distemper, pain medication injection, dewormer and antibiotic injection.

I have read the above information carefully and have filled out the application honestly. By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is true. I understand that omission of information and/or failure to answer all questions honestly can result in this application being decline. Also, if an omission, untruth or neglect is discovered after adoption takes placed, I understand that the Sheboygan County Humane Society (SCHS) reserves the right to annul the adoption and reclaim the animal. I give SCHS permission to fully investigate the information provided and related officials. I understand that feral and semi-feral cats can be unpredictable and as a caretaker I will take proper precaution and understand that SCHS cannot be held liable.

\*A deposit of \$60.00 is required for trap/crate loan, once trap/crate is returned payment will be returned. Payment will not be deposited it will be held until trap is returned. By signing this form I understand that a trap/crate is on loan and if not returned by the designated date below, if it is damaged or lost I give permission to SCHS to deposit money for the hold.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Trap/Crate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Traps/Crates Loaned: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Trap/Crate Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_