



## BARN CAT PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for cats and dogs in need throughout central Massachusetts by providing affordable spay and neuter services, medical care and support for catastrophic illness and injury, public education and counseling for people facing difficult animal situations.

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Organized in October 2000, Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare has spayed/neutered over 8,000 animals, many of whom were homeless cats, either feral or stray. We have established almost 200 managed colonies of these cats using the humane Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method in the towns of Millbury, Clinton, Acton, Sterling, Marlboro, Worcester, Lancaster, Shrewsbury, Ayer, Shirley, Hudson, Stow, Northboro, Princeton, Holden, Westboro, Fitchburg, West Boylston, Maynard, Gardner, Bolton, Southbridge, & Lunenburg. Our numbers are still growing and our area expanding.

On occasion during a trapping event, we see that local traffic, an inhospitable neighborhood, or predatory wildlife make a colony's location unsafe for cats. Relocating them to a less threatening environment is the humane thing to do.

In a similar vein, for some cats shelter cages are also inhospitable, bringing out the worse in them: either aggression or complete withdrawal. These cats too are candidates for relocation, which has a rewarding transformative effect!!

Our barn cat placement program was created for just this purpose. If you have a barn, large shed or other structure on your property in which you have a rodent problem, the "purrfect" solution is at hand!

Our Barn Cat Placement Program is offered at no charge to the property owner. All barn cats are sterilized and vaccinated for rabies and distemper. Cats placed span all stages of socialization, so could either

become friendly or remain skittish, but in all cases, will work to rid you of pesky rodents!

Here's how it works:

- We discuss your location in detail over the phone to assess if the barn has sufficient space for typically an 8' long by 3' wide by 2.5' high enclosure in which the cats will acclimate, that is near the activity of the barn, but not in harm's way (often it is placed in a loft to overlook the bustle of the barn, but is not accessible to dogs or other animals that may frighten the enclosed cats)
- Next, we schedule a visit to determine the number of cats that would be optimal
- If we find a good match for your rodent problem and our relocation need, we set a date for acclimation to begin
- We come to your location on the designated day and set up the enclosure.
- We provide bedding and sheeting to create a sleeping nest, so the cats have a safe haven within the enclosure.
- You provide a litter box and litter, food dishes, food and water; twice daily care taking is required. Long term veterinary care is expected, as needed.
- Acclimation typically takes 3-4 weeks, after which time we will come to remove the enclosure and assist you in releasing the cats to their new "home"!

***Put an end to your rodent problem  
and give some cats a second chance!***

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