



Care Giver Instructions

1. Check feeder/water each day and refill as needed or if the water gets dirty. Also, check for ants. Spread some food grade diatomaceous earth around the feeding area to keep ants away. If DE gets wet, reapply.
2. Scoop litter each day and throw it away. Change the litter out completely weekly.
3. Ensure that cages are safe from vehicles, horses, and dogs and have plenty of ventilation.
4. If it gets unusually cold, put sheets over the cages or stack hay around them. Also heat lamps will work.
5. Talk to the cats whenever you can and give each a name if they do not have one.
6. After two weeks, close the barn in the evening, open the cage doors and let them find their "special" place in the barn. Leave the cages and hiding boxes set up for 4 or 5 days extra days.

Hints and Tips

1. Cats will stay where there is permanent food. **Catching the mice is a game.**
2. You may not see the cats after release. Cats are nocturnal. The best time to spot them is sunrise and dusk.
3. You might try and give them canned food at the same time each day. Cats will always appear for canned food.
4. Cats will always use a litter box. If you want to know if they are still around, put out a litter box.
5. **If the weather is stormy the night of the release, wait until the next non-stormy evening to do the release.**
6. If you are receiving friendly cats, those can be released in the day time.

7. Put some of your old towels or sheets in the cages with the cats so they can pick up your scent.
8. Prepare "special" hiding places for them in the barn, shed, or garage. You can use large boxes or a plastic tub with a hole cut in the end.

Will the cats stay?

1. After release it is anybody's guess if the cats will stay at what we have decided is their new home.
2. Try to talk to the cats each day while in the cages so they know you are a friendly person.
3. Some cats "travel" to other barns but then will return "home" after a week or so.
4. You should see less mouse droppings around if the cats stay.
5. Cats will always use a litter box if one is provided. If you put out a box and it is used, you know the food is being eaten by the cats and not a raccoon.
6. If your cats disappear and you want to try additional cats, call us....there is a never-ending supply of cats needing placement.

Additional barn homes are always needed.

Please pass the CARE Feline TNR, Inc. barn cat information to businesses, neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers who have rodent problems.
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Have a coyote problem?

Get a Donkey, Llama or Great Pyrenees or leave on a flood light.