



CONGRATULATIONS

on adopting your new “working cat” and saving a life!

Here are a few tips to help them acclimate:

- Place the cat(s) *inside* the barn or building you want them to reside in.
 - If using a crate, place the crate somewhere convenient for you so you can feed/clean the cat(s) easily & readily for the next few weeks.
 - If housing them in a crate, provide them with a box to hide in as well.
- The single most important thing you can do to help your new cat(s) is KEEP THEM INSIDE THEIR CRATE OR CONFINED SPACE for 2-4 weeks (2 weeks is minimum; 4 weeks is optimal).
 - Your new cat(s) are very frightened and unaware that you are trying to help them. If you let them out before 2-4 weeks, they will likely run away, get lost, and perhaps die.
- Daily, you should:
 - Feed
 - Scoop their box
 - Provide fresh water
- During feeding/cleaning, your new cat(s) will likely try to stay hidden, but still use caution as a cat will react defensively if they feel threatened or cornered.
 - Make “kitty kitty” calls and noises as you feed/clean. This will help them learn that the sound of your voice means food!
- After the 2-4 week period is over, simply open the door/crate and allow the cat(s) to leave at their own pace.
 - Leave the crate/hiding area nearby as the cat(s) will likely continue to use that space to sleep.
 - Continue to provide food & water. Cats cannot provide for themselves on mousing alone. They will still hunt even if you are feeding them.
 - Continue to provide a shelter from the elements and predators.



If you have any questions at all, please contact us! We are here to help!

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Please tell others about our working cat program! Unfortunately, under-socialized feral cats like the one(s) you just rescued are being killed in shelters across Idaho and the US every single day. Help us save them and spread the word that they make great working cats so we can achieve No-Kill Idaho 2025!