



## BARNYARD BUDDIES PROGRAM

As a part of our “no-kill” mandate, SHAID protects the lives of our feral and semi-feral feline friends by finding homes for feral cats that would prefer to live out their days outdoors catching rodents. A home for a barn buddy could be a barn, garage, greenhouse, storage facility, shed, nursery, warehouse – anywhere there is a rodent population and a warm shelter with food and water! **THESE CATS ARE NOT TYPICAL HOUSE CATS! They are feral animals that likely cannot be domesticated without months or years of intense socialization. Like most wild animals, feral cats avoid people and will cause no harm unless cornered and provoked.** If you are looking for a friendly barn cat, consider looking at our adoptable cats.

These healthy cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and ear tipped (to show they’re fixed). The adopter **must commit to keep the cat(s) confined in a crate, stall, or small room in the cat long term dwelling for 2-4 weeks to acclimate them to their new environment.** The shelter must be secure, dry, warm and the cat must have a constant supply of dry food, fresh water and a litter pan. Once acclimated, the cat can roam freely in the barn and on the property, but they cannot survive on catching rodents alone, they need ongoing access to kibble and water.

If you live on the South Shore and would like to adopt a barn yard buddy, please complete this form and we will add you to our wait list and we will contact you as they become available.

There is no fee for barn cats, but donations are greatly appreciated. The money goes directly to the spay/neuter and medical costs of barn buddies.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What type of shelter do you have for the cat to live in?

Approximately how big is the building/shelter the cat will be living in?

Is the building/shelter heated? YES NO OR Is there livestock? YES NO

If so, how many and what? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an area to secure the cat in while it adjusts to the sounds and smells of the barn? We suggest large dog crates (wire or hardshell) YES NO

The process of acclimating a barn cat to its new surroundings takes 2 to 4 weeks, are you willing to care for the cat in a secure area for 2-4 weeks while it adjusts? YES NO