



## Friendly Cat Protocol

### Barn Cat Buddies Protocol for Safe Relocation

Thank-you for becoming a safe haven for cats who have nowhere else to go!

For successful relocation of your new barn cats, a period of 3 weeks confinement in a roomy dog **crate** (large enough for food, water and litter box\*\*) is required.

**Each Cat should be in their own individual crate. Three weeks is a long time to be in small confinement sharing the same space. We are aware of situations where cats turned on each other in close proximity. BCB can loan you crates for confinement.**

Alternatives to crating:

- 1) A quiet stall where all four walls are totally enclosed to the ceiling.
- 2) An office or small room/bathroom\* could also serve as a confinement area.
  - Office/bathroom **MUST NOT** have much traffic.

\*\* Cardboard liners found in grocery stores for cat or beer cans make great Disposable Litter boxes. You can also use lasagna pans or regular plastic litter boxes – your choice! We recommend scoopable litter as it is not as messy as the less expensive clay litter.

Food and Litter should be kept far a distance from litter box so litter will not be kicked into it. Wet food for the confinement period (mixed with dry) is a good idea to make cats associate your barn with a pleasant place to stay.

Hidey Boxes: Keeping a clean/empty cardboard box in the crate with the opening facing the back of the crate. This gives even a friendly cat a safe place to hang out.

After Confinement Period: The day you release your barn cats, leave their food and water in the crate with door open for up to a week. This will acclimate the cat to eating in the barn in a familiar space. After a week or so, you can shut down the crate and remove/return it and continue feeding the cats on the same spot. If this is too easy for other animals to reach, place the bowls on an elevated spot like a hay bale or table.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

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