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Humane Society of Huron Valley Starts Barn Buddies Program

Ann Arbor, MI. Many cats brought to the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) are not appropriate for traditional in-home adoptions because they can not adapt to indoor living. These may be feral (born and raised in the wild) or under-socialized cats that prefer little to no human contact, or they may be friendly cats that just cannot adjust to an in-home environment.



Whatever the reason, when cats are not truly house cats, we still believe that they deserve a happy life and that they can be placed with families that value them as much as we do. The HSHV Barn Buddies Program was started for just these types of cats.

Adopting a Barn Cat can be a mutually benefiting relationship - you will be saving the life of a healthy cat and they in turn will help scare off small, pesky rodents!

Plus, when you adopt a "Barn Buddy" from HSHV, they will be spay/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. Since each cat is unique, HSHV can't guarantee anything about the cat's temperament. Some may never want human contact and others may seek attention if they feel safe.

Barn Cats must have safe, permanent shelter with one or more areas of weather-proof covering, plus a continuous supply of fresh food and water. You must also agree to provide veterinary care for the cats if they should require it in the future. To ensure that the cats acclimate to their new environment and do not run away, they must be kept in a large homing crate for a minimum of three weeks in their new environment. After that time, they should be given free range of their new home. If you do not have a large crate, please ask us about providing one during your cat's transition period.

We strongly recommend having two or more Barn Cats because they keep each other company and can huddle together for warmth in cold weather.

To qualify for a **free barn cat adoption**, we require that you complete a one page application and agree to the terms of the "Barn Buddies" Program. To find out more about how you can help save the lives of healthy cats and to download an application, visit www.hshv.org. For questions, please call (734) 662-5585 x104.

HSHV is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving all of Washtenaw County and beyond, and relies solely on donations from businesses and individuals in our community. The mission of the Humane Society of Huron Valley is to promote responsible and compassionate care of all animals in our community. For more information, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org.

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