HCH Working Cat Program

Natural Rodent Control for Barns, Outbuildings & Rural Properties

No Adoption Fee

Working cats are fully vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and ready to work at zero cost to adopters!

Adoption Limit

To help cats settle in peacefully, we ask adopters to take no more than **3 cats at a time** if they do not already know each other.

5-Step Acclimation Overview

1. **Prepare Enclosure**
   Tack room, pen, or large kennel with bed & litter box.
2. **2–4 Wks Confinement**
   Safe containment so cats learn where home and food are.
3. **Daily Routine**
   Feed at set times to establish a reliable routine.
4. **Calm Daylight Release**
   Release directly into the barn on a clear, calm day.
5. **Ongoing Care**
   Continue daily feeding & fresh water permanent care.

Housing Recommendations

Setup Option	Rating	Summary
Secure Room (Tack/Feed Room)	Best Choice	Safest environment with natural room to stretch and hide.
Covered Exercise Pen	Great Option	Excellent setup inside the barn, well protected from escape.
Standard Dog Crate	Last Resort	Can cause stress over multi-week confinement; use only if needed.

Quick Web FAQs

Do working cats still need to be fed if they hunt?
Yes! Regular daily meals keep working cats healthy and loyal to your property. Hunting is an instinct, not a result of starvation.

What should I prepare before bringing them home?
Ensure your acclimation space is escape-proof, provides shade/weather protection, and is stocked with fresh food, water, litter, and cozy hiding spots.

Why limit unbonded cat adoptions to 3 at a time?
Introducing too many unfamiliar cats at once can cause territory stress. Keeping groups to 3 or fewer ensures a smooth transition.