

The Beyond the Barn program is an essential way to provide an opportunity for working cats to have a happy, meaningful life in surroundings suited to their personalities.

The Beyond the Barn program is a formalization of the work that LAWS has been doing for years to support cats with special needs that cannot be met in a traditional home environment. LAWS believes in providing many different options for each animal in their care, and this is an extension of this value. The program is also modelled after several successful programs and adapted for our climate.

Rural residences, farmers, shop or warehouse owners have an opportunity to support a special needs cat - the working cat. These cats are not available for residential adoptions as they are not suited to an indoor social lifestyle or busy environments.

These working cats range from feral to semi-social and some are social cats with behaviour issues that make them unsuitable for an indoor home. These cats are not happy in a traditional home environment, but would like access to the outdoors or to have minimum contact with people. Cats best suited to a home environment will not be adopted via this program.

**Barn Cat Program will provide:**

- Working Cat
- Medically sound
- Spayed or neutered
- Fully vaccinated including rabies
- Internal and external parasite control
- Adoption fee waived
- Bag of dry and wet canned food
- Winter shelter condo
- Large open air kennel (on loan for acclimatization period)

**Qualified Adopters will provide:**

- Food and water (mice aren't enough to live on)
- Shelter and warmth during ill climate weather
- Routine and emergency veterinary care
- Safety from harm or mistreatment

Adopters will need to confine the cat(s) to the large crate(s) or open-air kennel for a minimum of two weeks for the cat(s) to acclimate. If the cat(s) can be confined in the building in a small room for those two weeks, the crate or open-air kennel may not be necessary. Some cats may need to be confined for three weeks depending on their social level or previous history. A large crate or open-air wire kennel will be provided by LAWS for the confinement period. After the two-week period, the cat(s) should be confined to the structure, if possible for 2-3 days. The cat(s) should not be released during wet/rainy weather. During this time the cat(s) will acclimate to the structure and where they will receive food and water therefore they are more likely to remain on the property after they are released.