



BARN CAT TRANSITION PROTOCOL

You will transport the cat(s) in their small cage, and transfer to the big cage once the cage is set up. The cat(s) should remain in the cage for approximately one month prior to releasing.

What you'll need:

- Litter box (to fit the width of the doorway of the cage)
- Clumping litter
- Litter scooper
- Dry cat food
- Two large, sturdy, difficult-to-tip dishes for food and water
- Towels or blankets to cover the bottom of both halves of the cage and inside hiding box

Optional:

- Wet cat food—good for positive association with the caretaker!
- Treats, catnip, toys

We will provide:

- Double rabbit cage (60"X30"X18"), on loan, to be returned after cat(s) are released
- A bag of the dry food the cat(s) are currently eating
- Hiding box
- Transport cage and its cover, to be returned when the cage is returned

Cats will need daily care while they are in their transition period. The litter box needs to be scooped daily, and water freshened and food bowl filled. Usually semi-feral and feral cats will move into their hiding box at your approach, allowing you access to their litter box and dishes. Use good common sense, and do not open the door if the cat is right next to it and doesn't move right away. Come back later.

Do not try to handle cats during transition; unless they are showing specific signs that they would welcome your attention.

When picking your release date, choose a day with good weather, and lack of, or least amount of, activity on the property. Open the cage doors in the morning, and leave the immediate area. Let the cat(s) come out and explore at its own pace. The cage will remain in place for 5-7 more days, to give the cat(s) something familiar post-release. Within a week of the release we would appreciate getting our equipment back, clean.

Please call The Redwood Coast Humane Society at 707-884-1304 with any questions or concerns, at any stage!