

Elmbrook Humane Society

Working Cat Program

Thank you for considering adopting a working cat! Working cats, also known as barn cats, are unsocialized to people and cannot be returned to their previous environment. They have no desire to live in a traditional home; instead, they prefer to keep their distance from people. For this reason, a non-traditional adoption placement is necessary.

Why adopt a working cat?

Working cats are a perfect non-toxic solution for pest control. The cats will be happy to fulfill their instinct to hunt, and humans will be satisfied with fewer rodents on their property. In addition, anyone who adopts a working cat can feel good knowing that they saved a life!

How much does it cost to adopt a working cat?

There is no adoption fee for working cats.

What does a working cat adoption include?

All cats who go through the working cat program will be spayed/neutered, ear-tipped, microchipped, and vaccinated for FVRCP and rabies along with a flea/tick treatment and dewormer.

Who can adopt a working cat?

Anyone who has a structure that can house working cats is eligible to adopt a working cat through our organization. Some examples of a suitable shelter include a barn, stable, warehouse, winery, church, retail store, greenhouse, junkyard, or auto repair shop.

What will I need to provide for my working cat?

You will need to provide daily food and water for your working cat along with future veterinary care as necessary. The cats must also be confined for at least 2-4 weeks to ensure a successful transition to their new home.

*****We strongly encourage adopting two cats at once, as this will fulfill their social needs and reduce the risk of wandering.*****



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