

Barn Cat Daily Care Protocol

Large Barn Cat Enclosure Population:

- This enclosure is designed to house approximately 25 felines comfortably.
- Capacity can be temporarily increased to approximately 35 felines in times of crisis.
- Ideally, all cats placed into Enclosure are sterilized so as not to reproduce while habitating.
- All cats must be vaccinated for FVRCP before entering.
- There is no time limit a cat may live in this Enclosure provided they appear in good mental and physical health.

Interior Accommodations for Large Barn Cat Enclosure:

- This enclosure should have 3-4 large litter boxes when at cat capacity.
- This enclosure should have 3-4 large cat houses, hutches, igloos, or other types of accommodation which allow cats to comfortably hide and sleep.
- This enclosure should have 1-3 cat trees or vertical enrichment structures which provide additional enrichment and comfortable hiding, climbing, and sleeping opportunities.

Food and Water in Large Barn Cat Enclosure:

- At population capacity, this enclosure should have 2 large bowls that remain full of dry kibble and two large bowls of water that remain full.
- Water must be changed daily to ensure it is always fresh.
- Kibble must be checked daily to ensure it remains fresh and free from insects.
- This enclosure is to be fed and watered once per day.
- This enclosure is to be provided wet food once per day in the amount of approximately ¼ of a 6 ounce can of wet food per cat. Unlimited kibble is provided.

Health Monitoring and Care in Large Barn Cat Enclosure:

- During daily feeding, personnel is to assess all visible cats to ensure healthy body condition, observe any nasal or eye discharge, and general physical health.
 - If there is any illness observed, staff is to report the illness appropriately to medical personnel. Sending a photo of the observed illness or condition is helpful.
 - If medication is provided, care staff will administer the treatment per medical protocol, either treating while cat remains in Large Enclosure or bringing cat into ISO for treatment, which is decided by medical personnel or Cat MOD.
 - If cat is undergoing medical treatment, staff will check vaccination status and administer any booster vaccines available, as well as administer any parasite prevention that is timely and appropriate.
- Once per week, a manager or lead team member will lay eyes upon all cats in Enclosure, including those who are not immediately visible, to ensure optimal health and condition.

Cleaning Large Barn Cat Enclosure:

- Litter boxes are to be scooped daily and cleaned/replaced once per week.
- Food and water bowls are to be washed and replaced once per week.
- Any loose food, stool, or debris is to be picked up daily during feeding and cleaning time.
- Enclosure should be swept once per week or more frequently as needed.

- When the habitat is naturally free from cats, the Enclosure should be deep cleaned. Preferred method of deep cleaning is to power wash all surfaces using an appropriate shelter cleaning agent and manual debridement of any debris.

Medium Barn Cat Enclosure:

- This enclosure is designed to house approximately 10 felines comfortably.
- Capacity can be temporarily increased to approximately 15 felines in times of crisis.
- This enclosure should have 2 litter boxes when at capacity, 2 water bowls, and at least 1 large bowl of kibble.
- Cats should enter this enclosure, be fed, housed, cleaned, monitored, and have enrichment per the above standards similar to the Large Enclosure requirements.

Small Barn Cat Enclosure:

- This enclosure is designed to house approximately 4 felines comfortably.
- Capacity can be temporarily increased to approximately 6 felines in times of crisis.
- This enclosure should have 1 litter box when at capacity, 1 water bowls, and at 1 large bowl of kibble.
- Cats should enter this enclosure, be fed, housed, cleaned, monitored, and have enrichment per the above standards similar to the Large Enclosure requirements.

ISO Barn Cat Enclosure:

- This enclosure is designed to house approximately 2 felines comfortably.
- Capacity can be temporarily increased to approximately 4 felines in times of crisis.
- This enclosure should have 1 litter box when at capacity, 1 water bowls, and at 1 large bowl of kibble.
- Cats should enter this enclosure, be fed, housed, cleaned, monitored, and have enrichment per the above standards similar to the Large Enclosure requirements.

Extreme Weather Protocols

- When temperature drops below 40 degrees, staff will ensure there are adequate windbreaks and enough insulated housing for all cats to reside inside. Blankets can be placed over hutches and housing to help retain warmth.
- When temperature drops to 30 degrees or lower, staff will additionally provide heat sources in the form of Snuggle Safe discs or rice socks and will check health and welfare of the cats twice per day.
- When temperature exceeds 95 degrees, staff will offer additional large bowls of water, may supplement with ice, and may use cooling mats. Fans may be placed outside of the enclosures if done safely.
- At all times, all enclosures must have adequate shade and have protection from extreme sun, wind, and rain.

Other:

Any other questions or concerns should be brought to the Cat MOD.