

# What is a

# Working Whisker?

## Our natural solution for rodent control

"Barn cats" and "working cats" are interchangeable terms.

**Working Whiskers are less-social or feral cats who may thrive in an environment in which they receive care in exchange for keeping unwanted pests at bay.**

These special cats would require an **acclimation period** in their new environment. Two weeks is the **minimum** amount of time that they should be in housing (large dogs crates, small, closed room in their new home, feed room, etc.) During that time they will get used to the sights, sounds, and the person who feeds them and changes their litter pan. Some agencies suggest longer than two weeks, but that can be decided by you and your new cats.

Even though they will be your rodent control, they will **still need to be fed cat food** and always have **access to fresh, clean water**. Shelter from the elements will still be necessary. Some people put a cat bed and/or cat tree inside one of their buildings so the cats can come inside for rest and safety from predators and elements- the higher the better.

There is no charge for a Working Whiskers cat as long as you are willing to give them the care that we mentioned above. If they are ever injured or ill, you are required get them veterinary care. We will not conduct a home visit, but our staff will go over all of this information with you to make sure that a Working Whisker (or two!) is right for you.

Cat carriers will be needed to take home the cats. We do have cardboard carriers available for \$2 each, but the cats cannot see out of them, and opening them may prove difficult-they will generally "pop" out of them and run, once opened. Make sure to open the box or carrier in the room they will be in for the next two weeks. You'll need to plan ahead for their homecoming and it should go well.

**Preparation is key!**

**All cats are ear-tipped and microchipped for identification purposes, vaccinated, and sterilized.**

