

Barn Cat Adoption Procedures

PURPOSE

This document defines the policy and procedures for barn cat adoption.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all APA! staff and volunteers responsible for assisting with barn cat adoptions.

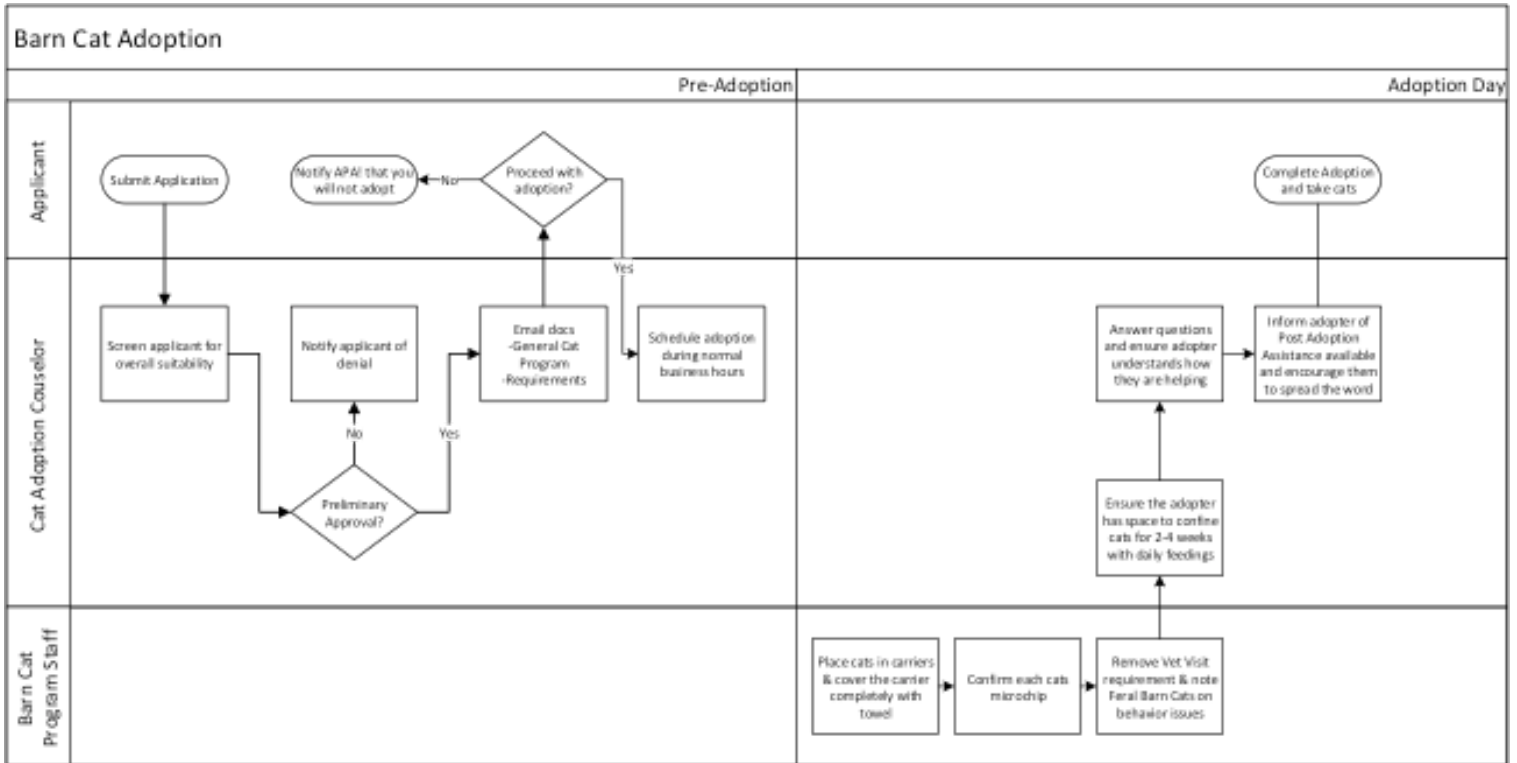
POLICY

APA! staff and volunteers will assist with barn cat adoptions in accordance with the documented procedures.

PROCEDURES

- Pre-adoption
 - **Applicant** submits adoption application.
 - **Cat Adoption Counselor** screens applicant for overall suitability (see Adoption screening in Additional Information).
 - **Cat Adoption Counselor** notifies applicant of preliminary approval or denial.
 - **Cat Adoption Counselor** emails applicant standards document: General Cat Program – Requirements and Expectations.
 - **Applicant** decides to either proceed or not proceed with the adoption.
 - If they decide to proceed, an adoption is scheduled during normal business hours.
 - If they choose not to proceed, cat adoption is notified of that decision.
- Adoption Day
 - **Barn Cat Program** places cats into car carrier and covers the carrier completely with towel prior to adoption appointment.
 - **Barn Cat Program** confirms each cat's microchip.
 - **Barn Cat Program** modifies adoption contract; removes 14 day vet visit requirement and notes any behavioral issues as 'Feral Barn Cats'.
 - **Cat Adoption Manager** ensures adopter has a place to confine the cats for 2-4 weeks with daily feedings.
 - **Cat Adoption Manager** answers any adopter questions and ensures adopter understands how they are helping to save lives.
 - **Cat Adoption Manager** requests that adopter spread the word about APA! barn cat adoption program and offers post-adoption assistance.
 - **Applicant** completes adoption process and picks up cats.

Process



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional screening

- Provide shelter in a permanent building (barn, shed, garage, coop, etc.). Dog houses/igloos or placement such as 'under a non-enclosed porch or deck' are not typically acceptable
- Provide daily food and water
- Provide long term medical care, as needed
- Location is at least 1/2 mile off a busy road
- No repeated or ongoing predation losses in the past year
- Must be willing to confine cats for the recommended 2-4 week period
- Must be willing to adopt a minimum of two cats
- Deviations from these items requires approval of the Barn Cat Manager to proceed

For questions regarding this policy, contact document author.