

The Red Barn Project

A dedicated adoption space for The Cat Ranch — Phase One of the Adoption & Community Outreach Center

Turning an existing barn into the first public adoption space in our history · \$30,000 · 90 days

150	500	90	\$30,000
CATS IN CARE — AT CAPACITY	SQ FT ADOPTION SPACE	DAYS TO OPEN	TOTAL PROJECT COST

The Cat Ranch is raising \$30,000 to convert a barn we already own into a real adoption room. It is a single, finite project with a defined end date, and it is the fastest path we have to placing more cats in homes.

THE BARRIER WE ARE TRYING TO REMOVE

The Cat Ranch provides permanent sanctuary to approximately 150 rescue cats in Southwest Florida. What we do not have is a dedicated room where a member of the public can sit down and meet an adoptable cat. Every space we currently use for introductions is a working room inside the house — occupied, in daily use, and never designed to receive visitors. Those spaces are also not ADA compliant, which means there are prospective adopters we cannot properly accommodate at all. The result is that introductions happen outdoors or by individual appointment, our adoption volume stays capped year-round, and we turn away the casual visitor who so often becomes the committed adopter. We are also full. At roughly 150 cats, the sanctuary is at capacity, and we cannot responsibly take in another animal until one leaves for a home. Every call we get about a cat in danger meets the same answer: not yet. Adoption is the only thing that creates room.

THE PROJECT

A structure already stands on our property: a red barn, 25 by 20 feet, sound and weather-tight, currently with a dirt floor. The Red Barn Project converts those 500 square feet into a working adoption center — the first public-facing adoption space in the sanctuary's history. Finished, it delivers three things we have never been able to offer:

- 1. **A real front door for adoptions** — a dedicated space we can welcome visitors into, separate from the working rooms of the house, with a firm, level, wheelchair-accessible floor and entry.
- 2. **A calm, indoor meet-and-greet** — clean concrete floor, quiet, air conditioned, where a family can sit on the floor with a cat and take the time that a real adoption decision requires.
- 3. **Year-round visitor access** — a climate-controlled room that lets us receive people in any season, so Florida heat, humidity, and afternoon storms no longer decide whether someone can come out and meet a cat.

WHAT IT COSTS — AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

Each component below can be sponsored individually, in full or in part. Gifts of any size move this forward.

Floor package: cleanup, grading, leveling, and poured concrete slab	\$10,000
Wall and ceiling insulation with washable interior sheathing	\$5,000
HVAC system and electrical service upgrade	\$5,000
Insulated garage door and window upgrades for light and weather sealing	\$5,000
Interior finishing, lighting, and adoption-room furnishings	\$5,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$30,000

The barn's existing dirt floor requires cleanout, grading, and leveling before any slab can be poured, and that preparation is included in the floor figure. Demolition, framing, painting, and finish labor are donated by our volunteer corps at no cost to the project, which is why \$30,000 buys a finished building rather than a partial one.

The barn is already standing. Pour the floor, and it stops being storage and starts being the room where cats go home.

WHY THIS IS THE RIGHT FIRST STEP

The Cat Ranch is planning a permanent Adoption & Community Outreach Center. The Red Barn is not a substitute for it — it is the proving ground. It lets us open public adoption operations in 90 days rather than waiting on a multi-year build, and it produces real placement results we can carry to everyone who supports what comes next. When the permanent center opens, the barn converts to additional housing and transition space for cats moving through the sanctuary, so nothing built here goes to waste.

PROJECTED OUTCOMES — 2027

We project 50 to 100 adoptions in the first full year of operation. For a sanctuary at capacity, that figure is not just placement — it is intake capacity. Every cat placed in a home reopens a space for one we currently have to refuse: a cat living outdoors, in a hoarding situation, or facing euthanasia elsewhere in Southwest Florida. This project does not simply move cats out of the sanctuary. It reopens our front door.

50-100	50-100
ADOPTIONS PROJECTED IN 2027	SPACES REOPENED FOR NEW RESCUES

If you would like to sponsor a piece of this project, or simply come see the barn and meet the cats it will serve, we would love to hear from you. Visit www.catranch.org to give or to arrange a visit.

The Vision

Conceptual rendering — the red barn as a finished adoption space



Artist's rendering for illustration. The screened porch shown is a planned future addition, funded separately once the adoption room is open. This project covers the building itself. Final finishes and dimensions subject to contractor bids and Charlotte County permitting.

WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT

The floor — the pale slab running the length of the building replaces a bare dirt floor. Cleanout, grading, leveling, and pour.	\$10,000
The garage door and windows — insulated, upgraded for light and weather sealing; open for air, closed for climate control.	\$5,000
The interior — 500 square feet insulated, air conditioned, wired, and finished as a dedicated meet-and-greet room.	\$10,000
Adoption-room furnishings — seating, lighting, and cat housing for the space itself.	\$5,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$30,000

This building is standing today. It has a roof, four walls, and a dirt floor. Everything in this picture is one construction season away.

The Red Barn lets The Cat Ranch open its first true adoption space within 90 days of funding, while the permanent Adoption & Community Outreach Center moves through design and permitting. To sponsor a component, donate, or schedule a visit, go to www.catranch.org.