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Have A Chonky Barn Cat? Enter Them In MFBF's Barn Cat Photo Contest

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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS – June 1, 2021 – Do you have a barn mouser who has a larger than life purr-sonality? Here is your opportunity to enter them in the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) inaugural barn cat photo contest!

The contest is sponsored by [The Pet Food Institute](#) and prizes will be awarded for best dressed, best mouser, best cat napper, sassiest, most chonk and best overall feline. Be sure to submit your photos [here](#) before the Aug. 31 deadline!

"This contest is meant to bring awareness to the farm cat population in the Commonwealth," said MFBF President Mark Amato. "They support our farmers through rodent control and their aloof companionship. They have also become an iconic tradition for farms across the country with most farms supporting a small population of barn cats."

A panel of MFBF members will serve as judges to determine winners in each category. There is room on the online submission for three photos, please be sure to submit a photo where the barn is shown in a "working" capacity or barn setting. This contest is meant to honor barn cats, not house companions.

For farmers who are looking to adopt barn cats, here is a list of links to shelters with a barn cat adoption program:

- https://www.mspca.org/animal_care/barn-cat-program/
- <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/adoption/barn-cat-program/>
- <https://www.dakinhumane.org/barn-cats.html>
- <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/animal-control/pages/barnworking-cat-program>
- <https://www.catsontheweb.org/feralcatrescues.htm>

About Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission statement is to "strengthen a diverse agricultural community by supporting and advocating for Massachusetts farm families." Its vision is to "envision a world with plentiful high-quality agricultural products, productive open land, and a robust and prosperous farming community. We are committed to working with like-minded groups to achieve these goals." For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, please

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