

To: FeralCatCenter@aol.com
From: Heather M.
Subject: Questions about relocating my feral colony
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Dona,

It has been a long time since we last spoke, but I wanted to update you on the status of my feral cats. I can't thank you enough for your words of encouragement as I made the difficult decision to move my ferals from one city to another. After we emailed and spoke on the phone, several tornadoes came through Memphis approximately 2 weeks before my move. One of my long lost feral kittens that had disappeared 3 months prior showed up on my doorstep crying uncontrollably. He came right inside and joined his sister and mother in my garage. It was as if he hadn't been gone for a day! Against their will, I trapped them one-by-one and we made the long 6-hour drive to our new home. Needless to say, they were scared to death and didn't trust anything. I did as you suggested and slowly increased their living space from a bathroom, to a bedroom, to the rest of the house.

Their progress has been amazing and they are truly 3 happy cats with their own personalities! Leo, my male that returned after the tornadoes is snuggled up next to me on the couch right now. He is by far the most loveable and bravest! Georgie, my timid kitten is gaining courage by the day and she loves for me to pet her and she meows to me now trying to communicate her affection. Sophie, the older mamma cat, has made the most progress by far. She would not let me touch her for probably the first 2 months after the move. She would hiss and hide and show no interest in progress. I continued to work with her every day and never gave up. Now, she waits for me outside the bedroom door every morning because she wants to start her day off with a long session of petting. She rolls on the floor next to me and purrs like a bird. There is no other words to describe my cats except precious.

I cannot thank you enough for encouraging me to take the steps to protect these ferals and give them a life they deserve. They have made the transition from ferals to domestic cats. I couldn't be happier. It is a great feeling to be able to help something that didn't deserve the situation they were put in in the first place. Anyway, I am sorry for the long email, but I wanted to let you know how great they were doing and how thankful I am to have found someone like you to talk to! I will email you a picture of them hanging out in their new condo!

Thanks again,
Heather M.