



Stay-A-While Cat Shelter, Inc. A Non-Profit Organization

# Paw Prints



Okay, let's have a moment of honesty... Last year, we advertised that our new venue for the Annual Dinner Fundraiser would be more than accommodating for our growing number of supporters. We were wrong, but to be honest, we never expected our number in attendance to grow by close to **50 PEOPLE!!!** That comes out to a **37% INCREASE** of attendees—crazy, right?

In order for us to ensure everyone has a meow-velous evening, for the first time ever, everyone will be required to purchase their tickets ahead of time. There are a variety of ways you can do this:

- ✦ Mail in money or a check and mark the appropriate box for dinner fundraiser tickets on the included envelope.
- ✦ Stop in at the shelter to purchase your tickets with cash or check.
- ✦ Pay on-line via PayPal and state in the memo section that it is for Dinner Fundraiser tickets and how many.

While our new location is able to accommodate even more guests than last year, there will be a limited number of tickets. If you are planning to attend this event, make sure to purchase your tickets early before we run out! We will also allow a limited number of tickets to be purchased at the door on event night, but the rate will increase to \$30 per person. This number will be determined once ticket sales have closed. So, be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time to ensure admittance into this event.

Tickets will still be **\$20** per person and will need to be purchased **BY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**. Anyone who purchases tickets via mail or PayPal will be added to a will call list and will be admitted into the event after checking in at the front table.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but feel this is necessary to be able to offer our supporters the most purrfect night! **Thank mew in advance for your understanding!** >:'<

## *Annual Dinner Fundraiser*



Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
6pm-8pm



NEW, LARGER  
LOCATION!!!!



*New Orleans Party Center*  
at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church  
8111 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

\$20 per person — must purchase ticket by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Chinese Raffle Baskets, Side Boards, Door Prizes & a Whole Lot of Fun!!!



Beer, Wine, Pop,  
Coffee, Dinner  
& Desserts, too!

Catering by Stancato's includes:  
Italian Marinated Baked Chicken, Roast Beef  
in Gravy, Penne & California Vegetables  
Plus salad & garlic stix!



If you have any questions regarding this event, please call, e-mail or message us on Facebook!



## New & Exciting Way to Support SAW

### **SAVE On Income Taxes & AVOID Capital Gains Tax!!!**

You can now donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds and Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to Stay-A-While! With these types of donations you not only get a great tax deduction, but you can also **AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES!** Here's how it works:

#### **Simple Tax Deduction**

Let's say that in 1997 you bought 800 shares of CAT IBM for \$4/share (\$3,200 cost basis). Today, it is \$25/share (\$20,000 value!). If you sell the shares yourself and donate \$20,000 to Stay-A-While and save \$5,000 (25% bracket) on your taxes, you would still PAY \$2,520 in long term capital gains taxes (15%).

**VS**

#### **TAX DEDUCTION TO AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAX!**

If you were to transfer your donation of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and RMDs **DIRECTLY** to SAW, you would deduct the full \$20,000 and save \$5,000 on your income taxes. But, in this example, you will **PAY NO CAPITAL GAINS TAXES**—and yes, this is a legitimate part of the tax laws!

#### **Get Started:**

When you visit your brokerage firm or bank to fill out your Transfer Form, **YOU** decide on the exact number of stocks, mutual funds, or specific dollar amount you would like to donate. If you have any questions or need assistance in obtaining or filling out your Transfer Form, our volunteer, Erik Kraenzler would be happy to help you! To contact Erik, please e-mail him at: [sawcatshome@yahoo.com](mailto:sawcatshome@yahoo.com)

To complete your Transfer Form, you will need:

**Scottrade**  
**18058 Royalton Road**  
**Strongsville, OH 44136-5180**

**Account Name: Stay-A-While Cat Shelter**  
**Account #: 74848551**  
**DTC # 0705**  
**Tax ID # 34-1350098**

**+ 11,980**

### **Purr-fectly Paw-some Points**

**+ 825**

**SAVE YOUR STAMPS**—instead of mailing your Fresh Step Paw Points, you can **digitally donate** them to Stay-A-While!!!



Fresh Step makes donating your Paw Points easy! Start out on their website: [freshstep.com](http://freshstep.com), then sign in or sign up. To create an individual account, all you need is your e-mail address and a password, or sign up with your Facebook account—either way **it is free to join!**

Once logged in, simply enter the Paw Point codes from your Fresh Step litter containers and watch your balance grow! You can begin donating with a minimum of 200 points or enter a larger, custom value. To designate our shelter as the recipient, click "Donate" under the Paw Points menu, search with the zip code "44133" and select Stay-A-While as your preferred shelter.

**+ 200**

Stay-A-While uses Paw Points to earn free Fresh Step litter—reducing litter expenses by over \$500 each year! Assuming you are already buying Fresh Step for your cat(s), **it doesn't cost you anything!**

Fresh Step occasionally e-mails us limited-time Paw Point codes to share with our Facebook followers. When entered, these codes help you earn points for Stay-A-While and yourself (which you can then donate to us 😊). If you have "liked" us on Facebook, you will see when SAW makes a post containing these special codes.

**+7,410**

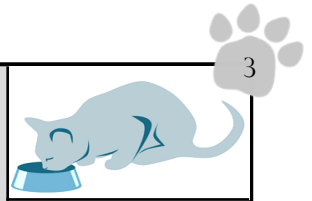


To get started earning points, enter the code "SHELTERBONUS1169" to gain 50 points for you and 50 points for Stay-A-While (this code is not time sensitive but can only be entered once per person)!



## Other Ways You Can Help

**Our Ongoing Canned Food Drive:** SAW recognizes the many health benefits to feeding canned food: less processed, higher moisture content & often fewer carbohydrates than dry foods. This drive enables us to feed all of our residents the canned food they need. Please think of Stay-A-While's cats & kittens when you shop at Pet Supplies Plus (in Middleburg Heights & Parma) or The Natural Pet Enrichment Center (in North Royalton). Simply purchase the canned food you wish to donate & drop it in our bin! If you would like to visit with the cats or spoil them personally, stop by the shelter with your donations during our business hours: Saturdays 12-5pm & Sundays 12-4pm. **The cats at SAW thank you for helping make this drive such a success!** >'<



**Do you...**  
**Enjoy donating to Stay-A-While?**  
**Love shopping on-line?**  
**Frequently find yourself on Amazon.com?**  
**If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, then AmazonSmile is for YOU!**

All you need to do is go to "smile.amazon.com" instead of "amazon.com" for your next on-line shopping adventure! It is that simple!!! There is no cost to participate, other than the price of the items you were already purchasing. Products and pricing are the same as those found on Amazon.com.

All you need is an Amazon.com account and a charity in my mind for your eligible purchase donations. After you select an organization, all future purchases made through AmazonSmile will result in a donation (0.5% of each eligible purchase) to that charity—we are hopeful that Stay-A-While will be your choice!

If you're wondering what constitutes an "eligible purchase," AmazonSmile makes it easy for you to know—each item that qualifies will have "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" listed on its detail page.

So far, Stay-A-While has received \$\_\_\_ in donations from AmazonSmile! We are so thankful to everyone who has chosen to support us in this manner!

### Simple steps to start donating to Stay-A-While:

1. Go to "smile.amazon.com"
2. Login using your Amazon.com account
3. Once prompted to choose your charitable organization, go to the bottom and search for "Stay-A-While Cat Shelter"
4. From the search results, click on "Select" next to our name. Now you're all set to start supporting SAW via Amazon!



Now here's the really interesting part... You can earn AmazonSmile donations for Stay-A-While while shopping our shelter's Amazon Wish List (as long as you go through AmazonSmile, of course)! We have a variety of lists to shop from, containing canned food, treats, cat beds, toys, and much more!

## Wish List

Please check out SAW's Wish List on Amazon.com for a more complete list.

### Shelter supplies in highest demand:

- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Trash bags (13 & 30 gal)
- ◇ Liquid laundry detergent
- ◇ Liquid dishwashing soap
- ◇ White copy paper
- ◇ Clay cat litter
- ◇ HP ink 932 & 933
- ◇ Gerber baby food in jars (Chicken & Turkey)
- ◇ Friskies, Fancy Feast & Sheba canned food
- ◇ Temptations, Party Mix, Meow Mix & Whisker Lickins Treats
- ◇ Gift cards to any pet stores, Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Office Max, Lowe's, Home Depot & Ace Hardware
- ◇ Stamps & gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to:

8800 Akins Road  
N. Royalton, OH 44133



Thank  
You!



# DONATIONS

*Thoughtful people who made a donation of \$25 or more in Honor Of or in Memory Of a loved one.*

## IN MEMORY OF:

Pashmina Wilson; Sue Stange  
 LeRoy Jethro Gibbs; Abbie Vernon  
 SAW's Jiggly; Ann Landon  
 Kit Katt, Butch & Scooter; Dolores Grabiec  
 Momma Cat; Debbie & Frank Kolar  
 Freckles; Helen & Bill Friend  
 Boots & Red; Pat Smith  
 Trey Grueger; Ann Allard  
 Janice Flood Willis; Peg Jarrett  
 SAW's Merlin; Debbie Blacksmith  
 Russell; Beverly Wolf  
 Asa; Pat & Larry Rosewicz  
 Peeper; Jim & Sue Halamek  
 Princess; Elizabeth Heiman  
 Stormy; Dawn Crain  
 Miss Peggy Fetz; Maryann & John Gall  
 Cookie; Nancy Kozak  
 Bud & Beany; Victor & Charlotte Bull  
 Brian; Jim & Patty Lipcsey  
 Charlie; Mary Lou Gordon  
 Victor Sandorf; Dolores Janca  
 Nikki (Godiva); David & Louise Winik  
 Ellen Kirsch; Dennis & MaryeEllen Lengle, Bonnie Howard, Gary & Carol Preston, Coyer-Westerberg Family, Uldeen Kalkbrenner, Dan & Barbara Soltis, Margaret Eakin, Vicky Spencer, Arthur & Vita Schmidt, Randy Ruch, Lawrence & Marjo Busta, and James & Dorothy Gray  
 Gracie & Jasmine; Terri Misenko  
 Tinker Pariza; Beverly Wolf  
 Carmel Paws; Robert & Donna Franz  
 Gray Boy; George Brown  
 John & Fran Javor; Judith Kovacik  
 SAW's Sam; Helene Fossum  
 Muffin, Buddy & Poco; Marjorie Jackson

Jocelyn Kramp; Danon Hopkins  
 Robbie; Pam Gowitzka  
 Jo-Z; Donna & Mike Zverina  
 Fiona; Karen Koral  
 Chelsea, Gracie & Addie; Karen Hollo  
 Jan Smith & Ned, Mr. Scooter McGrooter; Christine Odom  
 Bandit & Bunny; Al & Lori Perry  
 Janice Flood Willis; Sam & Pat Yount  
 Tomboy; Helene Fossum  
 Rufus & Kitty; Donna & Alan Hafley  
 Miss Kitty; Robin Helbig  
 Chewy Blazek; Jackie Rambert  
 All our cats that made life great; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brandt  
 Pashmina; Cyndi & Leroy Wilson  
 Ed; Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson  
 Minnie & Claudia; Mike & Terry Niemczura  
 Bear, Ellsworth & Baxter; Tom & Louise Wiatrak  
 Earl; Al & Lori Perry  
 Thomas Cotton; Gayle Cronin  
 Ronnie & Rusti; Scott Naugle  
 Oreo, Rascal, M&M & Terry Eckenfels; Vicki Roberts  
 Cali; Mary Ann Koller  
 Our cat Mitzi; Mark & Liz Gainer  
 Janice Smith; Amy Hosking  
 Rick Kozma; Sharon Gazdik  
 Button & Zipper; Jerrold & Anita Glantz  
 Jerry; Cheri Nagy  
 Jeffrey; Jane Normyle  
 Domino; Clyburn Family  
 Pierre & Pumpkin; Sharon McNeeley  
 Luis & Barbara Zath & Zachary; Debra Butterfield  
 Taz; Joe & Ruth Rogers

Pelidor; Karen Koral  
 Elmer Hanson; Jan Berge  
 Mary Beth (Megan); Thomas Tamas  
 Loretta Caruso; Nick & Christina Caruso  
 Sammy Overbey; Hardin Trucking Co.  
 Thomas & Jefferson; Ron & Phyllis Skelley  
 Ben, Cleo & Max; Daniel Kraig  
 Magnolia; Susan Johnson  
 Vaughan; George Rutkowski  
 C. Richard Odgers; Katherine Funkner  
 Max; Mike & Mary Case  
 Rocky; Dolores Janca  
 Muffin; Glenn & Roberta Berger  
 Bill; Marge Burton  
 Sunkist; Brenda Agnew  
 Louie; Madeline Brookshire  
 Stripes; Beverly Wilcox  
 Watson; Connie Metro  
 Kitt-Katt & Snickers; Barbara Perk  
 SAW's Jasper & Mr. Boopers; Lowell Harris

Dr. Emilie Sorm; Ed & Judy Green  
 Kingsley; Susan Fusco  
 Rosie; Paul & Dianne Elsten  
 Nomi, Lexi & Midnight; Catherine Rutti  
 Mr. Scooter McGrooter; Christine Odom  
 Samantha & Quincy; Judith Rhodes  
 Ellie McMasters; Eleanor Jackson



Spike; Marge Blanc  
 April; Janet Barto  
 Suki; Patricia Thurman  
 Paul Mosser; Al & Lori Perry



IN MEMORY OF (continued):

Loretta Caruso; Bernice Chie  
 Tuptim & Chu Lu; Jackie Mayer  
 Mary; Deb Peluso  
 Dr. Emilie Sorm; Peter & Joanne Hopkins  
 Missy & Shelly; Carl & Connie Kulas  
 ShyAnne, Toby & Spooky; Bob & Tracy Rolfe  
 Dolores Hill; Dave, Kathleen & Susan Hill  
 Loretta Caruso; Janine Custer  
 Frances & John Javor; James & Judith Kovacik  
 Ed & Agnes; Charles McPherson  
 Olivia; Don & Marge Spitz



IN HONOR OF:

Chloe; Glenn & Roberta Berger  
 Abraham & Lincoln; Ron & Phyllis Skelley  
 All the loving caretakers; Mr. & Mrs. William Dlugos  
 SAW's rescued basement cats; Terri Misenko  
 Karen Hollo; Dr. Margie Hunt  
 Lori Perry; Amy Hosking

Arlene Padgett; Paul & Karen Scheutzow  
 Hope, Becca & Mike; Cheryl Billock  
 Jan & The Boys; Barbee Johnson  
 Bridget & Dexter; John & Cheryl Neforos  
 Lucky Lady, Scooterbutt, Smokey & Cinnamon; Patricia Bury  
 Beth Pearce; Jack Kerrigan & Bill Milau  
 David & Susan Cannon; Bruce & Donna Jackson  
 All my cats; Shirley Sheets  
 Elmwood & Friends; McKenna Family  
 Ginger & BeBe; Juanita Smith  
 SAW's staff & volunteers; Bob & Debra Ogle  
 Chazper & Trochee; Diana Snyder  
 Sue Janik; Cindy Hazelton  
 Cleopatra from SAW; Nicholas Caruso  
 Cindy Pardee; S.C. Thomas & Associates  
 Lucky Lady & her basement siblings; Glenn & Roberta Berger  
 The Samos Street Cats; Lisa Uffman-Kirsch  
 Dana King; Jeanne Griffith  
 Zeke; Debra Butterfield

Scout; Paul & Marilyn Borzy  
 Ella & Boots; Amanda Simmons & Brittany Zuccaro  
 Myrle Cross' Birthday; Mitch & Vickie Skowronsky  
 Charles Kuehn; Jeanne Shupe  
 Fancy; Sharon McNeeley  
 Hopie, Becca & Slate; Cheryl Billock  
 Lucky Lady, Smokey, Scooterbutt & Cinnamon; Debra Ogle  
 Amy Waters & Taina Fuller; Alan Stasa & Mark Kearns  
 Pablo & Gomez; Fienga Family  
 Olympia; William & Mary Rousos  
 Coconut & Mango; Cortni Gaffney  
 Those who help homeless cats; Lynn Arrington  
 Rosebutt from VCA; Luba Cooper  
 Pants & Short; Beryl & Gary Tishkoff  
 Galahad; Jennifer Patton  
 Brisket; Nichole Vorisek  
 Jack; Deborah Segan  
 Micky; Robert Kekic  
 Velvet; Martha Hruby



Special Thank You to...

- Everyone who attended or helped with our 2016 Dinner Fundraiser, and our Yard Sale and Birthday Pawlooza in 2017
- Lauren Shields for running our Gift Shop
- Adriana D'Onofrio, Cherie Helman, Jen Martin, & Beth Pearce for fostering cats and kittens for the shelter
- Lauren Shields & Mike Anderson for various repairs throughout the shelter, as well as breaking down old cat trees and moving them to the dumpster
- Everyone who donated for Scarlet & Ike's costly procedures—we were overwhelmed by your willingness to help these precious felines

- Everyone who has sent donations via PayPal, AmazonSmile, or Chewy.com
- Erik Kraenzler for organizing and cleaning our garage and maintaining an inventory of our supplies, as well as adding a variety of upgrades throughout the shelter
- Everyone who supports SAW's efforts in any way—we couldn't do it without all of your help
- Jim Marsteller for the countless scratchers and



loungers for the cats—the cats just love stretching out and napping on these throughout the shelter and on the screened-in porches



*A year has passed since our last newsletter and in that time so have a number of our beloved furry friends. Though we continue to save, help, and find forever homes for even more cats and kittens, the pain we feel from the ones we lose never truly ends. We hope that you will remember them fondly with us, for we know that so many of you loved them dearly, too.*



*Mr. Boopers*  
2007-2016



*Malina*  
2010-2017



*Lilleth*  
2007-2016



*Toby*  
2000-2017



*Amelia*  
2007-2017

*Bumper*  
2011-2017



*Pixy*  
2006-2017

*Gia*  
2005-2017

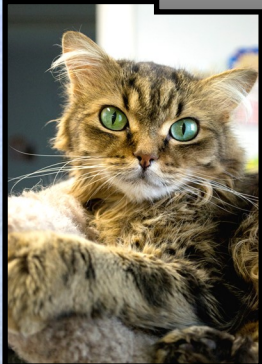


**Stay-A-While Cats  
That Will Be Missed**

*Skittles*  
2010-2017



*Buddy*  
2007-2017



*Sam*  
2002-2016

*Jiggy*  
2013-2017



# STAY-A-WHILE T-SHIRTS

Now available: a new Stay-A-While t-shirt design!!!

If you are interested in ordering a shirt (or multiple), there are 2 simple ways to place your order...

1.) Visit our Custom Ink Fundraiser on-line at:

2.) Cut out the below order form, fill it out, & mail it back to us or drop it off at the shelter.



The Custom Ink Fundraiser is a "Campaign" & will last 6 weeks (the longest time allowable). We will be accepting order forms up until the date of \_\_\_\_\_. If you choose to order via the website, you can place your order anytime during the 6 weeks. The campaign will CLOSE on \_\_\_\_\_.

## SAW T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

On the provided lines, please mark **SIZE**, **COLOR**, and **HOW MANY** you would like.

### SIZES

Adult: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Youth: XS, S, M, L, XL

### ORDER HERE

Example # (1) Size (XL) Color (RED)

### COLORS

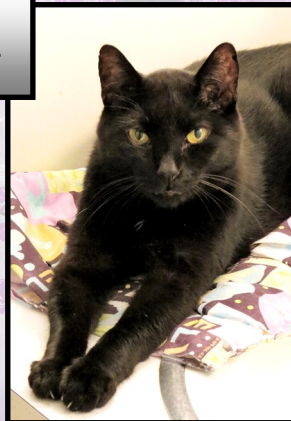
Black, Charcoal Grey, Red, Green, Navy Blue, Purple

## More Stay-A-While Cats That Will Be Missed

*Twinkle Twinkle*  
2006-2017



*Merlin*  
2001-



*Peanut*  
2002-2016





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 North Royalton, OH 44133  
 440-582-4990

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## Paw Prints Fall 2017

Beth Pearce  
 Director of Operations

Jen Martin  
 Assistant Manager/  
 Volunteer Coordinator

Susan Cannon  
 Advisory Board

**Stay-A-While Hours:**  
 Saturday 12:00-5:00pm  
 Sunday 12:00-4:00pm

Want to stay up to date with what's going on at the shelter???



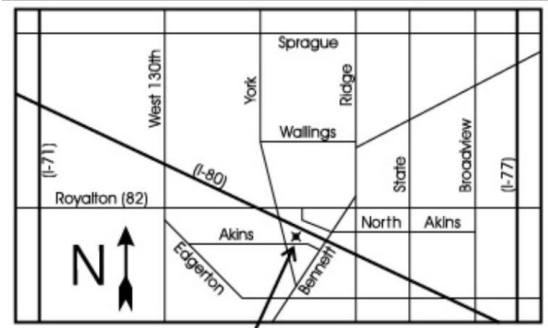
## About Stay-A-While Cat Shelter

Stay-A-While Cat Shelter, located in North Royalton, Ohio, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to sheltering, caring for, and placing cats into loving, responsible homes of their own. The shelter is a spacious, contemporary ranch home situated on a little more than one acre of land, which has an abundance of trees and wildlife.

Other than a few cages for new and sick cats, Stay-A-While is a cage-less facility. The cats enjoy roaming free in large rooms. SAW is a no-kill shelter in that we do not put cats to sleep other than for health reasons.

Because Stay-A-While is a small, private shelter, it can accept new residents only when vacancies occur. Once a cat is accepted, it is given a medical check, tested for Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, given flea and worm treatments, and initial vaccinations. Cats over six months of age are spayed or neutered before being put up for adoption. Between 85 and 100 cats are housed here. The shelter is administered by an Advisory Board and is operated and maintained by a Director of Operations, an Assistant Manager, and several shelter Caregivers, plus a staff of volunteers who carry out a myriad of functions. All funding for the shelter comes from the generosity of cat lovers, through donations, adoption fees, and various fund-raising activities.

*Please remember that a donation of \$2 or more will aid in the continued distribution of this newsletter.*



Stay-A-While Cat Shelter  
 8800 Akins Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

### How to get to Stay-A-While

- ◆ Take I-71 to State Route 82 (Royalton Road), turn east on SR 82 to York Road, turn south on York Road to Akins Road, turn left on Akins Road to Stay-A-While.
- ◆ Take I-77 to State Route 82 (Royalton Road), turn west on SR 82 to York Road, turn south on York Road to Akins Road, turn left on Akins Road to Stay-A-While.
- ◆ Take I-480 to either I-71 or I-77 and follow the above directions.

With your help, we can continue caring for these wonderful felines!