



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



Fall 2020

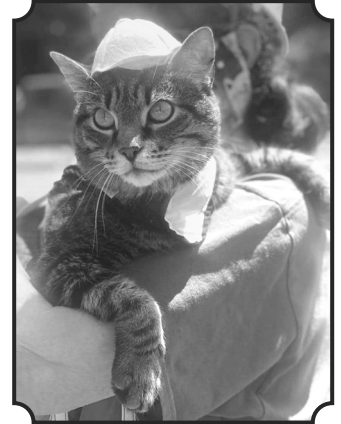
# Paw Prints

# Groundbreaking News!

**July 21<sup>st</sup> & November 4<sup>th</sup> were HUGE days for Stay-A-While Cat Shelter!**

Alongside North Royalton's Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, our building committee broke ground for the new shelter on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The most important guest at the ceremony was a Stay-A-While feline representative, Josiah. Outfitted purrfectly with his hard hat and harness, Josiah was clearly the star of the show (and loved every minute of the attention and fresh air).

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the cement foundation was poured for the new building! We can now walk the property and realize the floor plan of our dream coming to fruition. We are thrilled to reach each of these milestones and to continue to advance toward our end goal. If all goes as planned, we hope to be able to host an open-house in the cats' new home in late winter or early spring.



*Stay-A-While has raised over 60% of our fundraising goal and still have plenty of options open for sponsoring in the new shelter—visit our website to see what choices are available. We are also accepting general donations to the New Building Fund with no minimum required. For questions regarding making a donation toward the new shelter, please contact SAW volunteer, Erik Kraenzler at [sawcatshome@yahoo.com](mailto:sawcatshome@yahoo.com).*



**Become a Sponsor Parent:** For \$10 a month, you can sponsor a cat who has little chance of being adopted due to medical, behavioral or age concerns. As a no-kill shelter, we have many cats in our sponsor program to choose from. Once you select a cat, you will receive a photo & bio about your cat. Your sponsor cat will also send you a greeting card around the winter holidays. During our business hours, sponsor parents are welcome to visit with, groom, or bring toys & treats for their cat. Whether you drop off your sponsor donation, mail it to us, or make it via PayPal—please specify which cat you want to sponsor or if you would like us to choose one for you. Thank Mew! >‘.<

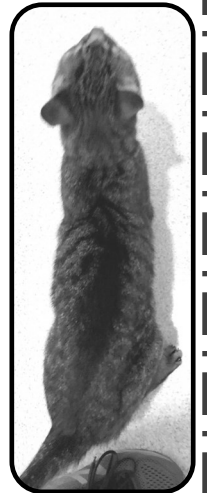
## Milos



*Left behind... without a thought to my well-being. Now, if that isn't bad enough, my owners kept me on a 3-foot leash tied to a pole in their basement. I spent the majority of my time in my "home" like this. My food, water, bed, and litterbox were all within reach, but what a sad life for me. According to the landlady who my owners rented this house from, I was kept like this for 5-8 years. I can't recall if it was that long, but it felt like an eternity! This amazing woman also offered money and rent discounts to get me out of this pathetic situation, but my family refused all of her attempts to give me a better life.*

*I bet you are wondering how I wound up at this wonderful place called "Stay-A-While?" Well, the same woman that my humans rented from, who became my angel, had to evict my owners from the home. When she came to check on the property after they had moved out, she found me tied to a lawn chair in an enclosed porch area. Lucky for me, they left me behind and she found me a new home at this awesome shelter. Since my name was unknown, one of the caregivers at SAW gave me the name "Milos" and I respond to it, when I feel like it. 😊*

*When I arrived at the shelter, I was thin as a rail, but so incredibly friendly and loving. "How could anyone do that to such an undeserving boy?" is what I continued to hear over and over by the caregivers. I have been spoiled since my first day at Stay-A-While and I am nearly unrecognizable now, hehe! I have plumped up nicely and am a very happy boy -- FINALLY!*



*I do have a bit of a dominant side when it comes to the other cats and a bitey nature when I get overstimulated by lots of love and pets (but I'm told that many other cats do, too). Along with my dominant tendencies has come the need to mark my territory, so my chances of ever getting adopted by a true "family" have slimmed down. But, I can rest easy in knowing the SAW family is all mine! That being said, I really am an amazing cat to have lived the life I did and turn out so well adjusted and content.*



*I am very grateful to the special lady who found me and to SAW for giving me a new life! I am now seeking sponsors to help with my care (and my new furry friends) at the shelter. I am approximately 7 years old and hope for many comfortable years to come at Stay-A-While.*

# Special Thank You to...

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- 🐾 Our wonderful staff and loyal volunteers for all of their paw-some hard work
- 🐾 Everyone who has taken part in our Giving Trees and brought in donations — the cats were blessed with lovely holiday seasons!
- 🐾 Adriana and Gilda D’Onofrio for redeeming our Fresh Step free litter coupons and delivering all the bags of litter to the shelter for so many years
- 🐾 Everyone who donated when we were short on litter, paper towels, and canned food
- 🐾 Mark Pribish for cleaning out our sewer grate in the driveway
- 🐾 Our donors, room sponsors, pawprint contributors, and Building Committee for helping with the progress of the new shelter!
- 🐾 Our amazing fosters for taking such good care of and helping raise so many wonderful kittens and mama cats for adoption
- 🐾 Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson for helping organize and maintain our garage storage, and so much more!
- 🐾 All of our fantastic Facebook followers who have helped raise money for the shelter
- 🐾 Everyone who donated money, goods or gift cards for our Birthday Pawlooza — it was a big success!
- 🐾 The staff and vets at VCA York Royalton Animal Hospital and Applehill Animal Hospital for the amazing care they give to so, so many Stay-A-While cats and kittens
- 🐾 Erik Kraenzler and Karen Skoczynski for their continuous support in supplying our caregivers with numerous necessities for completing their daily tasks!



## A NEW WAY TO DONATE!

### Donating gift cards to Stay-A-While just got more convenient!



*Chewy.com now offers digital gift cards and the ability to send them to anyone with an e-mail address—like our shelter! Chewy.com is where we shop most frequently for canned food and treats for the shelter kitties, so any gift cards to their site would be a huge blessing.*



#### THERE IS A SUPER SIMPLE PROCESS FOR DONATING GIFT CARDS:

1. GO TO CHEWY.COM AND CLICK ON THE “GIFT CARDS LINK
2. CHOOSE THE AMOUNT & GIFT CARD IMAGE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND
3. ENTER “INFO@STAYAWHILECATSHELTER.ORG” FOR THE E-MAIL AND YOUR NAME BELOW
4. CLICK “ADD TO CART” AND COMPLETE THE CHECKOUT PROCESS







# SAVE ON INCOME TAXES & AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAX

You can now donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds or Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to Stay-A-While! With these types of donations you not only get a great tax deduction, but you also AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES! 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%).

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### Tax Deductions and No Capital Gains Tax on RMDs

If you were to transfer your donation of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds DIRECTLY to SAW, you would be able to deduct their full current value AND you would not pay capital gains taxes. When transferring your RMDs directly to SAW, you support our furry friends and also avoid paying capital gains taxes!

When you visit your brokerage firm or bank to fill out your Transfer Form, you decide on the 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

## Digitally Donate Your Paw Points

### Fresh Step makes donating your Paw Points easy!

Simply go to their website: [freshstep.com](http://freshstep.com). Sign in or create an individual account with your e-mail address or your Facebook account—either way, *it's free to join!*



Log in and enter the Paw Point codes from your Fresh Step litter containers to see your balance grow! Donate 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 the zip code "44133" and select Stay-A-While as your preferred shelter.

Stay-A-While uses Paw Points to earn free Fresh Step litter—reducing our litter expenses by over \$500 each year! If you're already buying Fresh Step, *it doesn't cost you anything!*

Occasionally, Fresh Step will e-mail 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 follow us on Facebook, you will see when SAW makes a post about these special codes.

Enter the code "SHELTERBONUS1169" to gain 50 bonus points for you and 50 points for Stay-A-While (this code is not time sensitive but can only be submitted once per person)!

## Wish List

### Supplies in highest demand:

- \* **CANNED FOOD:** Sheba, Friskies, Fancy Feast, Whiskas & Meow Mix
- \* **TREATS:** Temptations, Party Mix, & Whisker Lickins
- \* **GIFT CARDS** to *any* pet stores, CVS, Office Max, Target, Walmart, Home Depot & Ace Hardware
  - \* Paper towels
- \* Bottled water (for staff & volunteers)
- \* Gerber baby food in jars (Chicken or Turkey)

\* Clay cat litter

\* Stamps & gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to:

8800 Akins Road  
N. Royalton,  
OH 44133





# Donations from AmazonSmile Continue to Build for Stay-A-While!

Type in “smile.amazon.com” instead of “amazon.com” for your next on-line shopping adventure! It’s that easy!!! There is no cost to participate, other than the price of the items you were already planning to purchase. All products and pricing are the same as those found on Amazon.com. Pretty cool, huh?

You only need an Amazon.com account and a charity in mind for your 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. The kitties are hoping that Stay-A-While will be your choice!

Curious what is considered an “eligible purchase?” Well, AmazonSmile makes it easy – each item that qualifies will have “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” listed on its detail page.

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

1. Go to “smile.amazon.com”
2. Log in to 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!*

*Stay-A-While has earned over \$2,500 through your AmazonSmile donations!*



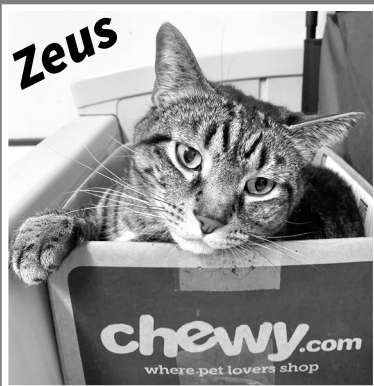
You won't believe this part!... You can earn AmazonSmile donations for Stay-A-While while shopping our shelter's Amazon Wish Lists (as long as you go through AmazonSmile, of course)!!! We have a variety of lists to shop from, containing canned food, treats, cat beds, toys, and so much more! What are you waiting for? Finish reading this edition of Paw Prints and get shopping!



## **Chewy.com's Shelter & Rescue Network**

Stay-A-While regularly orders and receives donations from our supporters through Chewy.com. This site makes getting your pets' favorite foods incredibly easy—and in our experience, orders typically arrive within two days or less!

Chewy.com's Shelter & Rescue Network is a referral program. For each first time customer purchase through SAW's unique link, Chewy.com donates \$15 to our shelter! Just think how quickly that can add up. All you have to do is place an order (for yourself or the shelter) at the website below to earn money for Stay-A-While and conveniently get goodies delivered for your pets!



**<https://prf.hn/click/camref:1100ldc7i>**

Thank you to everyone who donates to Stay-A-While or helps us earn donations through Chewy.com!

The link can also be found on our website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, please let us know. Please keep in mind that this program only applies to new Chewy.com customers.



## **IN MEMORY OF:**

Valery Jean Dressler-Honk; Doug Adams

Ann Ganofsky; Cheryl & Fred Billock

Evelyn Pardee; Donald & Sandra Boyer, The Pardee Family, Deborah Hunt, Landon Hunt, Laura Pall, Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson, John & Susan Pardee, Adriana D'Onofrio, Beth Pearce, and Charles McPherson

Zeke & Zachary; Debra Butterfield

Domino; Shannon & Lori Clyburn

JJ, Mitzi, Taffy, Emmerose, and Catmandu; Gary & Mary Saar

Bugsy; William Cramer

Ernie Pearce; Judy DeVicentis

Von & Spotts 1983; Ron Dittert

Rosie; Paul & Dianne Elsten

Mork & Mindy; Mimi Foster

Mary Turk; Susan & Leonard Freed

Catherine Orynycz; Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson

Sunshine; Karen Hollo

Jeanne Griffith; Andrew & Linda Kopperud

Delphine Sarnowski; Gail Motley

Bella, Willow, & Holly; Scott Naugle

Annie; Jack & Diane Ailor, Gary & Mary Saar, William & Sue Mion, and Barbara Skory

Storm; Jack & Johanne Nesser

Smokey; Michael & Maryann Novak

Robert Nuhn; Terry Nuhn

Elizabeth Rokonczay; Gary & Lynn Gomez

Joe Piar & Murphy; Sharon Piar

Ollie; Carole Prahst

Shaka Zulu; Richard Ritter

Katey, Max, and Kitty; Marsha Sawchyn

Willie; Paul & Judy Semall

Willie; Nancy Stemmer

Max & Sweet Pea; Patricia Vince

Caleb; Mary Wolfe

Oreo, Sadie, and Mickey; Rebecca Gibboney

Aspen; Nancy Stanbrook

Jim Burkey; Larry & Pat Rosewicz

Wendy Darling; David & Bonnie Warburton

Miranda; John & Cheryl Ament

Buffy Unke; Rebecca Armagno

Button & Zipper; Anita Glantz





**IN MEMORY OF** *(continued):*

Jean Unke; James Heege, Bill & Mary Ann Reinberger, Michelle & Thomas Stachowski, Lorene Olle, Robert & Clairemarie Hacha, Ralph & Lynn Groth, Pamela Reyes, and Wayne & Jeanne Weber

Teddy; Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson

Chessie; Ann Landon

Taylor & Smooch; Bob & Sue Kertianis

Jasmine; Savita Gautum

Big Boy; Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson

Chelsea; Paige Reich

Bear, Ellsworth, and Baxter; Tom & Louise Wiatrak

Terry Olson; Mary Gapas

Vince cats that have passed; Pat Vince

SAW's Merlin; Ray & Debbie Blacksmith

Jeanne Bragiel; Judith Boso

Jeanne Bragiel; National Association of Letter Carriers

Screech & Buttercup; Nancy Caravello

Karl Jarrett, Beth's dad; Peggy Jarrett

SAW's Piper; Sue Stange

Leo; Ron & Jan Estes

Velcro, Contessa, Mocha, and Bella; Partners with Paws

Russell Wolf; Beverly Wolf

Our Frosty; William & Helen Friend

Don & Louella Herd; Anna Graham

Amanda Black; Denise Hancsak

Amanda Black; Ilga Svechs

Julian aka Pok; Christine Hanlon

Caesar & Callie; Kathleen Henderson

Morse & Indy; Roger & Jennifer Homer

Janice Smith; Amy Hosking

Roger Heaps; Paul & Carol Janc

Patricia Graven; Joel & Nancy Kay

Patricia Graven; Debra Sarver

Tom Kuchna; Beth Pearce

Arlene Padgett; Valerie Kowalski

Tom Holmes; Aunt Mickey, Lori, and Family

Spice Hosking; Alvin & Lori Perry

Arlene Padgett; Bob & Sue Kertianis

Joan Evert; Laura Gushue

James Gray, Sr.; Susan Donohoe

Cooper Laszcz; Patricia Vince

Tom Mazzitelli; Bob & Sue Kertianis







## **IN MEMORY OF** *(continued):*

Samantha; Christopher Holmes

Lucy Felino; Elma King

Snuffy; Karen Koral

Kevin Haines; Kerry & Debra Klotzman,  
Mary Ann Zalokar, James & Denise Krejc,  
Rosemary Vidmar, Northcoast Pontiac Club,  
Mark & Marie Wentz, American Endowment  
Foundation, Janet Dodrill, James & Laurie  
Khol, Stan & Susan Mason, John & Cheryl  
Misny, and Dale & Ginger Skerl

Lily, Murphy, and PJ; Ronald & Nancy  
Malaski

Roscoe & Sylvia; Ann Landon

Chance; Jo-Ann Slan

Dick Goddard; Deborah Ann Meckes

Our loving Spooky; Robert & Carol Miller

Emma; Susan Miller

Mabel McCullough, Clyde, Shirley, Freddie,  
and Murphy; Pam Payton

Rufus, Lucy, and Pandora; Sue Stange

Elanna Cornell; Pam Payton

Miss Kitty, Micke, and Peppe; Ray & Debbie  
Blacksmith

Tommy; Alvin & Lori Perry

Mufflet, Jiglets, and Ranger; Kelly Piaser

Lynn Chilinski; Judith Suchocki

Lynn Chilinski; Library Staff at North  
Royalton Library

Sasha; Patricia Thurman

Chance, Tortie, Pepper, Misty, Bradley,  
Angel, Bella, Mister, Dude, Punkin, Albert,  
Charcoal, and Jessica; Terry & Mary  
McFarland

Coco & Atay; Cindy Pardee & Phil McPherson

Max Loucas; Patricia Vince

Our cats Bill, Mitzi, Boots, and Puff; Mark  
Gainer

Jerry Nagy; Cheri Nagy

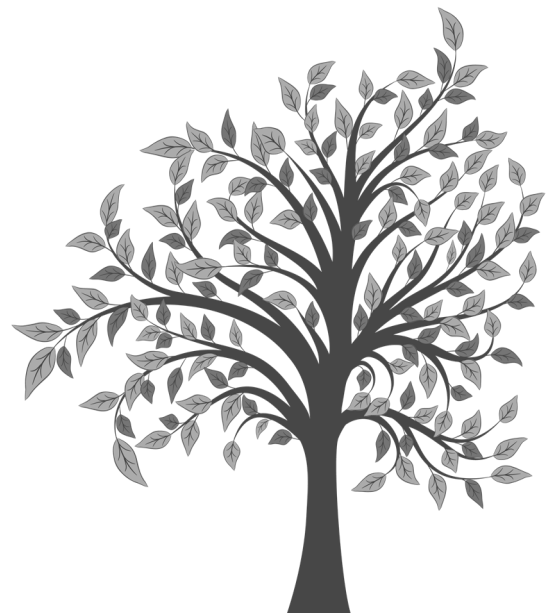
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Richard & Judith Taylor

Beans; Marianne Nolan

Milt Walker; Adriana D'Onofrio & Beth  
Pearce

Wednesday; Bill & Jerri Donohue

Nicholas Caruso; Norina Salvatore, Timothy  
Myers, and Mary Foti





**IN HONOR OF:**

Sunkist; Brenda Agnew

Chloe; Glenn & Roberta Berger

Great; Robert & Marguarite Berlocker

Sharan Rauske and SAW alumni Katie,  
Newkie, Toby, and Max; Peter Rauske

Karen Hollo; Margaret Hunt

The work that SAW does; Charles & Ruthe  
Nezbeda

Scooter; Christine Odom

Ginger & Bebe; Juanita Smith

Janet Piaser; Kelly Piaser

Jan Berge, Finnegan, Duffy, and Riley; Daryl  
& Kathy Rotherfeld

Jack; Debbie Segan

Evie Buttons; Irandeep Kour

Abraham & Lincoln; Ronald & Phyllis Skelley

Helene Fossum's 80th birthday; Henry Etta  
Sumpter & Carol Wessel

Miley's Birthday; Debra Yenchochik

SAW's Ike; Gary & Lisa Kirsch

Samantha Andrews' 10<sup>th</sup> birthday; Jennifer  
Douglas

Carol Rupp; Nancy Evans

Kyle; Jeanetta Wells

David & Susan Cannon; Bruce & Donna  
Jackson

Amy Hosking; Alvin & Lori Perry

Dr. Reva Leizman's birthday; Naomi Stein

Amy's 40th Birthday; Elaine Obal

Sam Andrews' birthday; Jason & Debbie  
Marcellus

Dana King; Richard & Carol Labrie

A Very Special Feline; Susan Lowe

Elma King; Richard & Carol Labrie

Roanoke's adoption; Karen Koral

Karen Hollo; Margaret & Raub Hunt

Merry Christmas, David Ellis; Robert Ellis

Lori Perry's birthday; Amy Hosking

Scott & Veronica's Wedding; Rooney, Tonka,  
and Lisa Petrolini

Al & Lori Perry's anniversary; Amy Hosking

Tommy Biscotti; Alan & Donna Hafley

Rebecca Nyce; Jeff Cronin

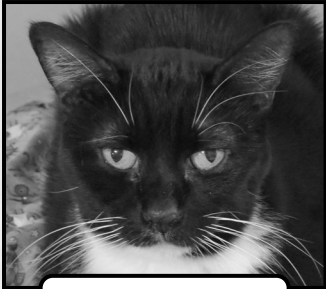
Ella & Boots; Brittany Morettin

Elma King's Birthday; Susan Marino

Darwin; Rooney, Tonka, and Lisa Petrolini



# Stay-A-While Cats



**TIKI**  
2002-2018



**ATAY**  
2007-2018



**COCO**  
2002-2018



**KYRIE**  
2003-2018



**BLACKIE**  
2010-2018

"Everyone is taught that angels have wings – the lucky ones of us find that they have four paws."

-Jury Nel



**TOTSIE**  
2001-2018



**JEZEBEL**  
2002-2018



**SNUFFY**  
2018-2018



**BALTIMORE**  
2006-2018



**MIKE**  
2004-2018



# That Will Be Missed



**PATCHES**  
2002-2018



**SAMMY**  
2003-2018



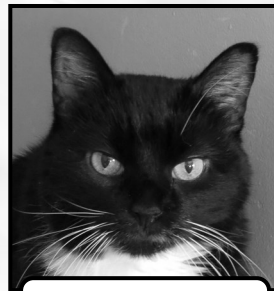
**CESAR**  
2002-2019



**SARINA**  
2005-2019



**RICHIE**  
2016-2019



**KITTY KAT**  
2007-2019



**MELODY**  
2007-2019



**ELLA**  
2005-2019



**RANDY**  
2008-2019



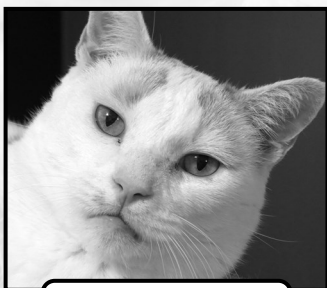
**MIMI**  
2007-2019



**MISTY SUE**  
2008-2019



**PIPER**  
2008-2020



**HAPPY**  
2004-2020



**LUCKY FRIDAY**  
2005-2020



**GRACIE LOU**  
2008-2020





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## Paw Prints Fall 2020

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???



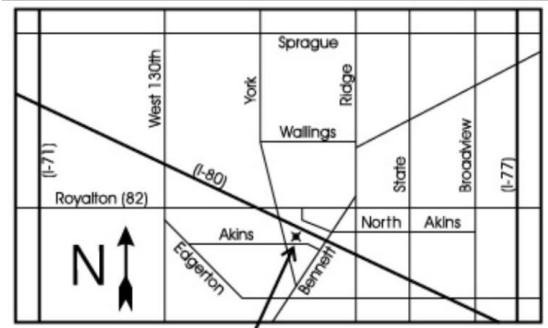
## About Stay-A-While Cat Shelter

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.**



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 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!