



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

# Paw Prints



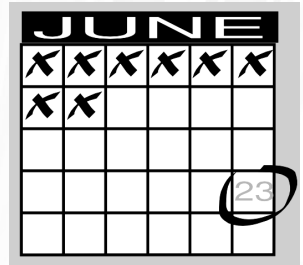
It's time for our annual

## BIRTHDAY PAWLOOZA!!!

Whether you circle it on your calendar or make a memo in your mobile, we want you to join us on

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

to celebrate the Stay-A-While cats turning another year older



Stay-A-While's Birthday Pawlooza is an open house, featuring sweet treats, snacks, beverages, and lots of TLC—Tender Loving Cats! Luckily, they have provided a birthday wish list (see below). Although a gift is not a necessity for attending, it is quite difficult to deny these adorable kitties of even a small treat—trust us, the immense appreciation will be shining brightly on all their furry little faces!

Our guests of honor hope you will come by to visit them and enjoy the festivities on their special day

### BETWEEN NOON AND 5PM!

*If you have questions regarding this event, please send us a message on Facebook, give us a call, e-mail us, or stop in during our business hours.*



The shelter will be open during this event, but we will not be doing adoptions on this day. We will reopen Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for normal operations. Thank you for your understanding!

**Gift Ideas:**

- Scratchers
- Gift Cards for pet or home improvement stores
- CANNED FOOD—FRISKIES, MEOW MIX, FANCY FEAST, WHISKAS POUCHES & SHEBA
- Treats
- Paper Towels

### 2018 Annual Dinner Fundraiser

### Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

We were so pleased with how smoothly the 2017 Dinner Fundraiser went, we have already booked the date for this year! Just like last year, we will require tickets be purchased ahead of time—we have to be certain there are enough seats and meals for everyone.

*More details to follow in the next newsletter—keep your eyes peeled!*

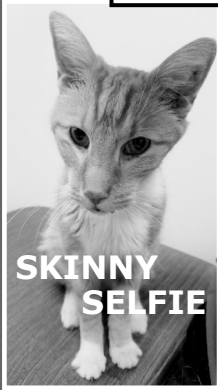




# IKE — WHAT AN APPEAL-ING GUY!

Hi guys! It's me, Ike! If you're on Facebook or visit the shelter regularly, you might already be familiar with my story, but in case you aren't, here's the lowdown...

Originally, I arrived at Stay-A-While in the summer of 2004, with my four siblings. My brother, Mike, and I were adopted together that fall and boy, did we have a wonderful and happy home! In the spring of 2015, at age 11, I was diagnosed with Hyperthyroidism and my Mom had to give me medicine twice a day. The problem was that Mom was also getting up there in age and she felt bad giving me my pills because I hated them and I made it rather difficult for her. She decided to stop pilling me and while we were both less stressed, unfortunately, my thyroid was not. Once Mom passed away and family was coming in to care for us, medicine was not an option so my condition continued to get worse. Luckily these family members were aware that Mike and I had been adopted from Stay-A-While and that we were always welcome to return to the shelter should the need arise (it's one of the perks of being a SAW alumni!).



When we arrived at the shelter my heart was beating a mile a minute — not because I was nervous, but because my thyroid was out of control! It was clear to the shelter caregivers that something was wrong — they actually feared they would lose me — it was pretty scary! They swept me off to the vet where I was diagnosed again and put on meds. I was put on a rather aggressive dose of daily medication but was not showing improvement. I was so thin as my body was running in overdrive. Everyone was frustrated — especially me!



It should be noted that I was in desperate need of a dental and multiple extractions but putting me under anesthesia was not an option until my heartrate could be lowered. Everyone was hoping that my thyroid would calm down and I could have my dental, but my teeth were getting much worse and I quit eating all together. My loving caregivers had no choice but to proceed with the dental surgery. The vet guaranteed that she would take every precaution to keep me safe but it was still risky, I went in with all paws crossed. Being the awesome cat that I am and **maybe** just a **little** credit to the vet, I came through with flying colors! Everyone was relieved and loving me up — it was great! Some of Mom's family even came to visit and be sure I was well cared for; they have been so supportive!

With my mouth now free from pain and infection, I was eating properly again and focus was switched back to my thyroid. My

medication dose was increased multiple times and finally reached the maximum amount that could be prescribed for a feline. Still, there was no improvement, so it was at this time the vet recommended I have radioiodine treatment done to destroy the overactive thyroid cells. Although this procedure is safe and the majority of cats are cured with one treatment, my vets were making no promises that one treatment would completely fix the problem. With my thyroid levels almost **triple** the normal range, Stay-A-While was once again out of options.

So, I was scheduled for the radioiodine treatment, at the cost of \$1,200 — holy catnip! Now, let me remind you, shelters **do not** just have that kind of money lying around, so I am incredibly fortunate that SAW gave me this chance at life. Luckily, the whole procedure was a piece of cake! My caregivers and the staff at both veterinary clinics were amazed at what a complete angel I was throughout everything. I never lost my desire for loads and loads of love. What can I say? My feline charm reels them all in — they can't help themselves.



The months following my procedure required multiple sets of blood work to evaluate the effects of the treatment on my thyroid. While my levels did drop significantly, they were still above normal. In lieu of repeating the costly treatment or going back on pills, I currently get a medicated ear rub twice a day to keep my thyroid numbers at a safe level, and let me tell you, it is so much better than pills! Yes, it does cost a bit more, but for my quality of life, this route is much more pleasant — now that's something you can't put a price on!

While I am a success story for Stay-A-While, I am only one cat, out of ninety-something! I am not the only cat needing specialty vet care — just look at Scarlet (another SAW kitty; one whose chance for adoption was slight until her foster family opted to keep her 😊) and her five month triumph over a broken front paw — she could easily rival my bills! Not every cat at the shelter has these costly vet bills, but oh my Friskies, all the minor ones add up so very quickly! Wellness exams, disease testing, vaccinations, parasite treatments, spays and neuters are just the beginning, but when one of my feline friends, or myself, gets sick, it varies on what is needed to diagnose and decide on treatment. The blood work panels, x-rays, medications, ER trips, dentals, etc. are what hit Stay-A-While hard — vet and other medical bills are actually extremely large every year. Since money does not grow on cat trees, they have put me up to the task of asking **you** to help Stay-A-While continue their amazing (in my opinion) efforts.

For 37 years, you, our supporters, have made it possible for Stay-A-While to give the same love and care to all of us, just as

you would your own pets. With the expense of our special cases, along with the above mentioned routine medical necessities, your support is just as important now as it always has been, **if not more**. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may securely do so with your credit card through one of the PayPal donation links on our website or simply mail a check back using the enclosed envelope.



**CHUNKY & HUNKY**

Now, back to me, Ike... Did you know that I am also a Sponsor Cat? If you like a cat you can visit and give extra love to, I am such a sweet-heart and would never turn away the opportunity for some pets! Even if you don't want to sponsor, you can still stop in during our business hours to meet me — my friends and I always welcome visitors (and treats, too)! 😊 😊

Trust me, I know I have covered a *ton* of information here, but if you have any questions regarding me, donating, sponsoring, or any other topics, just let one of our humans know and they would be more than happy to answer your questions. Thank you for taking the time to read my story and for your continued support of Stay-A-While!

Pawsitively Yours,  
Ike 🐾

Remember: your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Chew on This News**

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

SAW regularly orders and receives donations from our supporters through Chewy.com. This site makes getting your pets' favorite foods incredibly easy—and 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 \$20 to our shelter! Just think how quickly that can add up. All you have to do is place an order at the website below to earn money for Stay-A-While and conveniently get goodies for your pets!

[www.chewy.com/rp/7789](http://www.chewy.com/rp/7789)

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. Just remember, this program only applies to new customers.



We get it, cats aren't fond of change, but...

**IT WAS TIME!**

A **major makeover** was in order at Stay-A-While...

just don't tell Luna that our **website** was the only thing needing one!



The Stay-A-While website got overhauled this winter — if you haven't checked it out yet, it is dramatically different! The site is now mobile-friendly, so you can easily view it on any device. It will be much easier for us to make changes to this site, so make sure to regularly check it for updates on the shelter, events, and more (especially if you aren't on Facebook).

Although we are still fine tuning some areas, we could not be happier with the improved site and we are certain you will be impuressed too!



*Luna wants to know what you are waiting for?*  
Get those claws clicking on that keyboard or cell:

[www.stayawhilecatshelter.org](http://www.stayawhilecatshelter.org)

**Special Thank You to...**

- ☼ Cherie Helman for fostering Oscar the Grouch. Cherie and her family have maintained a strict diet and aided Oscar in losing 7 pounds! Woo hoo!
- ☼ Ann Landon & Cindy Pardee for making so many cozy cat mats & blankets for the cats to snooze on
- ☼ VCA York Royalton Animal Hospital and Applehill Animal Hospital for the amazing care they give to all the Stay-A-While cats and kittens
- ☼ The many, many supporters who continually donate a great deal of essential supplies throughout the year—there are too many to list, but we are so grateful for each and every one of you!
- ☼ All of our loyal donors, sponsors, volunteers and adopters. YOU are the life-line of Stay-A-While!







### A MARVEL-ous new way to donate to Stay-A-While!

Metal Marvels is an awesome company with unique, trendy merchandise. Started in 2012 by Katie, a woman with a desire for helping better the lives of others. Her passion for multiple causes has inspired her to design the I Am Collection. Each bangle bracelet in this collection has its own cause designated to receive 5% of each sale made.



Katie has designed the "I AM KIND" bangle for Stay-A-While. These bangles are made from stainless steel with three finishes to choose from: Gold, Silver, or Rose Gold. The price for each is \$25.99.



To purchase your own bangle and have a portion donated to SAW, visit:

<https://metalmarvels.com/products/i-am-kind-bangle>



Several ladies at the shelter have purchased various products from Metal Marvels and have been very pleased with the quality and shipping process (some have even ordered multiple times).

There are many products on the site, so please take the time to browse and enjoy. Please keep in mind, not all products or causes are going to be up your alley, but we think you will find many that are! If you have any questions, please let us know!

Thank you to Metal Marvels and thank you to our supporters for your help!

## Check out this rockin' fundraiser at Landmark!

#### When:

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

#### Where:

Any Landmark Lawn & Garden store or online at: [www.LandmarkMulch.com](http://www.LandmarkMulch.com)

#### How much:

6% of your total purchase.

1. Call Landmark to place an order, shop online at our website, or stop by and make a purchase.

2. Mention your fundraiser at the time of checkout or enter FUND23 if placing an order online.

3. It's that simple!

Family-owned and operated



Serving your community

Choose from any of the hundreds of items we offer in our stores, online, and any items delivered to your door.

- ✓ No requirements.
- ✓ No fees.
- ✓ No minimum purchase amount.

All items purchased will earn 6% of your total sale back to the fundraiser's organization.

Our variety of items included toward the 6% encompass all 17 departments in our stores:

- Pet Supplies
- Pet Feed
- Animal Feed
- Bird Seed
- Birdfeeders
- Salt (Ice Melt)
- Bulk Mulch
- Fertilizers/Lime
- Grass Seed
- Lawn and Pest Controls (Chemicals)
- Bagged Mulch/Soil
- Bulk Topsoil
- Misc Merchandise
- Plants and Bulbs
- Stone
- Hardware
- Propane
- Firewood

Our variety of Bulk Products include Topsoil • Mulch • Stone • Sand

\*Landmark proudly offers organic soil, mulch, fertilizers, and soil conditioners.

\*Coupons are exempt from 6% Fundraiser Program. All other sales may be applied.

## Other Ways You Can Help



### Digitally Donate Your Paw Points



Fresh Step makes donating your Paw Points **easy!** 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 have "liked" 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)!

## AmazonSmile Can Help You Donate to Stay-A-While!

Simply go to "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 constitutes an "eligible purchase?"

Well, AmazonSmile makes it easy—each item that qualifies will have

*Stay-A-While has received \$1,189 in donations from AmazonSmile!*

*We could not be more thankful for all of you who have participated!*



### 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!*

"Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" listed on its detail page.

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 much more! So, finish reading this edition of Paw Prints and get shopping!



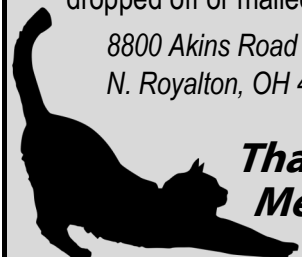
## Wish List

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

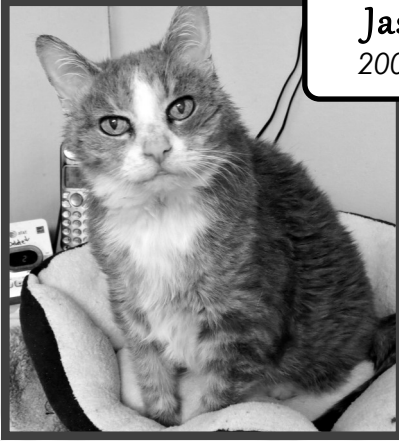
### Shelter supplies in highest demand:

- ✿ **CANNED FOOD:** Sheba, Friskies, Fancy Feast, Whiskas & Meow Mix
- ✿ **TREATS:** Temptations, Party Mix, Meow Mix & Whisker Lickins
- ✿ **GIFT CARDS** to **any** pet stores, CVS, Office Max, Target, Walmart, Home Depot & Ace Hardware
- ✿ Paper towels
- ✿ Trash bags (13 & 30 gal)
- ✿ Liquid laundry detergent
- ✿ Liquid dishwashing soap
- ✿ Bottled water (for staff & volunteers)
- ✿ Clay cat litter
- ✿ Gerber baby food in jars (Chicken & Turkey)
- ✿ Stamps & gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to:

8800 Akins Road  
N. Royalton, OH 44133

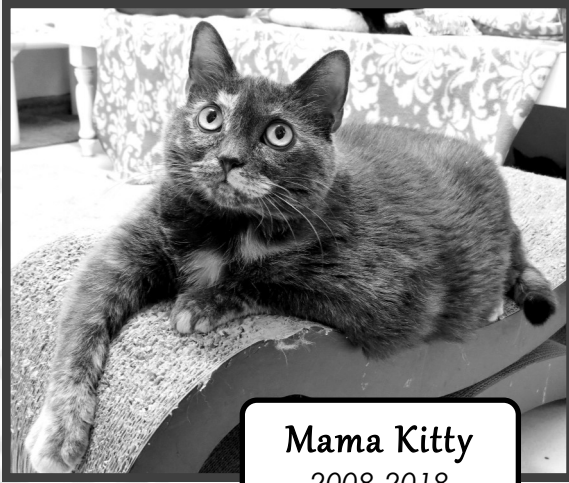
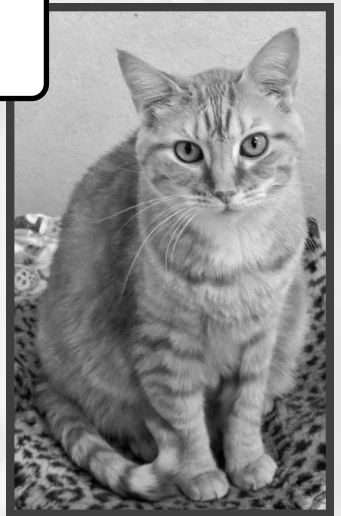


**Thank Mew!**



Jasmine  
2000-2018

Pumpkin  
2009-2018

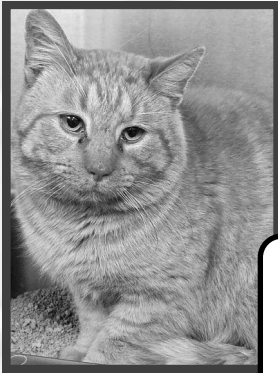


Mama Kitty  
2008-2018



Caleb  
2008-2018

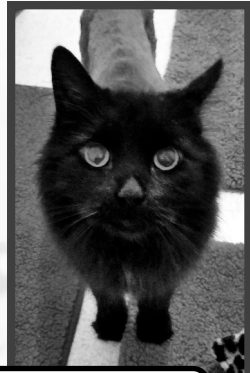
**Stay-A-While Cats  
That Will Be Missed**



Sophie  
2009-2018



Orange  
Roughie  
2013-2017



Puffins  
2002-2017

Panini  
2007-2018



*If love  
could have  
saved you,  
you would  
have lived  
forever.*



Jake  
2009-2017

Choo Chee  
1998-2018

-David  
Ellsworth

## **IN MEMORY OF:**

Leo; Ron & Jan Estes  
Betty Feldkircher; Paul & Janice Silla  
John, Angel & Tigger; Nancy Stanbrook  
Karl; Peggy Jarrett  
Simpy, Cotton, Yogi & Sassy; Judy DeVicentis  
Charlie & Reggie; Jill & Mike Yerkic  
Lance, Melissa & Sophia; Sue Stange  
Tallulah La Brie; Elma King  
Pepper; Jo-Ann Slan  
Ginger; Karoline Lubbeck  
Mittens; Bruce & Julie Heslop  
Tom Holmes; Shelby Holmes  
Jim; Judith Kovacic  
Tortie, Pepper, Misty, Bella, Angel, Bradley, Mister & Dude; Mary & Terry McFarland  
Diesel; Patricia Smith  
California Toby; Robert Orris  
SAW's Merlin & our Frosty; Helen & Bill Friend  
Claire, our dear SAW adoptee; Ken & Becky Hoagland  
Sammy Pawlik; Brendalee & Ed Salk  
All cats; R. Kekic  
Thomas & Jefferson; Ron & Phyllis Skelley  
Stormy; Dawn Crain  
Dottie; Abigail Vernon  
Our dear Jimmy; Juliann Blaha  
Suzanne Fredrickson; Steve & Cindy Zacharyasz  
Bundy & Missy; Maggie Clemens  
Morse & Indy; Roger & Jennifer Homer  
Princess; Amy Evans  
Missy & Shelly; Carl & Connie Kulas

Max & Buffy; Pat Vince  
Janice Smith; Amy Hosking  
Jan Smith; Al & Lori Perry  
Harry; Donna Hoder  
Miranda; Mr. & Mrs. John Ament  
Mary Ann Zsorey & Patches; Nancy Scheible  
Ann Helmuth Allard; Patrick Soltis  
Chazper; Diana Snyder  
Skylar; Gwen Presley  
Tom Holmes; Martindale Electric  
Mungo; Elma King  
Caesar I & cousins; Paul & Rosemary Weisenbach  
Sadie; Debra Yenchochik  
Linda Sue Moore; Holly Moore, Alpha Delta Kappa, Michael & Gwen Allen, Lynn Lindsey  
Princess Leia; David & Bonnie Warburton  
Bella, Willow & Holly; Scott Naugle  
Sally; Katherine Funkner  
Bill, Mitzi, Boots & Puff; Mark & Liz Gainer  
Joseph Nardi; Gary & Lynn Gomez and Pam Payton  
Suzanne Fredrickson; Michael & Regina Thomas  
Ruby & Trinity; Gayle Cronin  
Brian; Patty Lipcsey  
Lewis, Mimi, Indy & Larry; Joanne White  
Calico Cali; David & Bonnie Warburton  
Arden Wiley, DVM; Barbara Farquhar  
Buttons & Zipper; Jerry & Anita Glantz  
Coco Carnahan; Marilyn Wesolowski  
Katie & Willie; Nancy Stemmer  
Mr. B.C & Ronnie; Pat Vince

Jerry; Cheri Nagy  
Cinder & Mocha; Lori Ream



## **IN HONOR OF:**

All the hurricane cats; Ruth Kelly  
Jan Berge; Kathy, Buford, Zoe & Daryl Rothenfeld  
SAW's Randy; Charlene Metzger  
Dana King; Elma King  
Rita Pawlik; Brendalee & Ed Salk  
Tiggs, our new rescue; Ken & Becky Hoagland  
All the loving SAW employees & their wonderful caring; Debbie Blacksmith  
Boo (Mocha); Louise Winik  
Esther; Judith Kovacic  
Dexter & Bridget; John & Cheryl Neforos  
Bumper & Kitty; Uncle Robbie  
David & Susan Cannon; Bruce & Donna Jackson  
Tommy Biscotti; Alan & Donna Hafley  
Andrea Hess; Karen Koral  
Ginger & Bebe; Juanita Smith  
Christmas for the cats; Jan Wilford  
Lori Perry's Birthday; Amy Hosking, Kathy Long, John & Marcella Olenzak, and Laria Sponseller  
Dana King; Jeanne Griffith  
Amy Hosking, Spice, JJ & Tommy; Alvis & Lori Perry  
Penny & Pompi; Shelby Holmes  
Rini; Anthony Schenek





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## Paw Prints Spring 2018

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???



Like us on  
**Facebook**

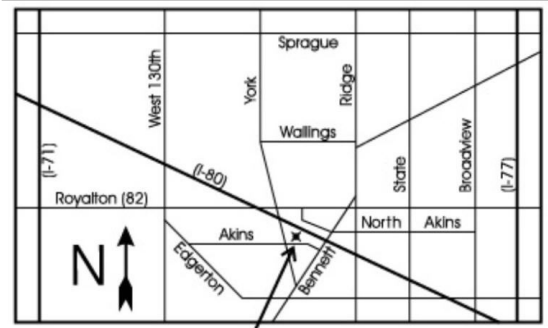
## About Stay-A-While Cat Shelter

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!