



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

FALL 2016

# Paw Prints



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6PM-9PM

## Annual Dinner Fundraiser



**\$20 PER PERSON**

Tickets will be available in  
advance at the shelter or at  
the door on event night

NEW LOCATION:  
VALLEAIRE GOLF CLUB  
6969 Boston Road  
Hinckley, Ohio 44233  
(corner of Ridge & Boston)

Chance to win CAVS  
& BROWNS tickets!

Chinese Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes,  
Silent Auction, & Sideboards

You don't have to be a pro  
to take a few swings in our  
NEW 50/50 Golf  
Simulator Competitions!  
Two ways to win: longest drive  
& closest to the pin!

Beer, Wine, Coffee,  
Pop, Pulled Pork, Pizza, Pasta,  
Chicken Tenders, Salad,  
Snacks, & Desserts

# AmazonSmile

**Looking for a new way to support Stay-A-While?** AmazonSmile is an easy way to donate to us while you do the on-line shopping you were going to do anyway! To take advantage of this program, simply go to "smile.amazon.com" instead of "amazon.com" when you wish to do some Amazon shopping. You will have access to all the same products and pricing that you would typically find when searching on amazon.com. The best part about this is there is no cost for you to participate (other than the purchase price of the items you were already shopping for).

**If you already have an Amazon.com account, you will not need to create a new one for AmazonSmile.** The first time you choose to shop via AmazonSmile, you will need to select the organization you would like to receive your eligible purchase donations. Once you have selected a charity, all of your future eligible purchases will result in a donation to that organization. The only time you would need to choose another charitable organization is if you decide you want your eligible purchase donations to go to a different charity. You can change your organization at any time.

For each eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% to the charitable organization of your choice—we are hoping you will choose Stay-A-While! :-). While browsing through different items, you will find "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" listed on the detail pages of all products that will count toward your eligible purchases. On occasion, AmazonSmile will offer promotions that increase the amount donated to the charity of your choice. Sometimes the increase will be on specific products or services, but please check the details of the promotion to be certain which products qualify.

**Fun fact:** You can even earn donations for Stay-A-While while shopping from our Wish List! There are plenty of eligible items on our many different lists—from canned food to cat toys to cleaning supplies.

- 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!

We have been receiving AmazonSmile donations for a few months now and would like to thank everyone who has chosen Stay-A-While as their designated charity! We hope the rest of our supporters who shop on-line at Amazon will give it a try too!



**Shopping online not your thing? Come browse Stay-A-While's Holiday Boutique!**

Open year round, the Gift Shop is sure to offer something unique for your gift-giving needs (or a little self spoiling!). All proceeds go directly to helping care for all of our furry friends at SAW!

As you start to create your holiday shopping lists, keep in mind that our Gift Shop will get its annual winter makeover & debut as the *Holiday Boutique* on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**! The store will be open for shopping during our usual hours of operation: Saturdays 12-5 & Sundays 12-4.

*Stay-A-While gladly accepts donations of new and very gently used items for sale in our store.*

**Another SAW Yard Sale is quickly approaching!!!**

We will begin collecting donations for this fundraiser in **January 2017**. As always, please keep items to a size & weight that can be carried by 2 ladies. A few items we will not accept for this sale are: exercise equipment, clothing, computers, TVs, microwaves, or baby cribs & car seats. Paperback books only please. All other items can be donated during our business hours. If you are unable to drop off your donation during our hours of operation, you are welcome to leave the items outside of our double garage doors—if weather is a concern, please leave them on the covered front porch.

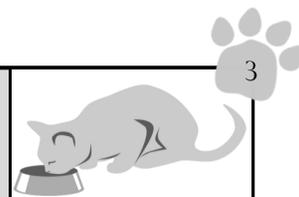
**The exact dates of the 2017 Yard Sale will be in our next newsletter.** Please keep the cats & kittens at Stay-A-While in mind as you do your spring cleaning! >,'<




## YARD SALE

## 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!** >'<



***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 & a bio about your cat. Your sponsor cat will also send you a winter holiday greeting card. 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!



### **SPONSOR ME!**

Hi all! I'm Oscar the Grouch, but when I came to SAW in March 2016, I was given another name—if you have a moment, my story is quite comical...

When the shelter accepted me, they were told that I was a very pregnant gal. Now, let me tell you, the SAW staff has helped their fair share of pregnant cats, & while each cat reacts differently to pregnancy & labor, they felt I was showing signs that labor was not too far away. I seemed quite uncomfortable, stretching out on my sides, growling at my lady parts (presumably due to pain or bodily changes), irritable, & I chomped canned food like I would never be able to eat again, EVER!

The name "Clementine" was chosen for me because one of my caregivers enjoyed serenading me with "Oh my darlin', oh my darlin', oh my darlin' Clementine." I was rather annoyed by this tune & she seemed to be catching on because she frequently asked me if my dislike for the name was the reason that I was so grumpy all the time.

The SAW staff tried to determine if I was showing any of the typical indicators that a pregnancy is nearly full term (for example: hardened abdomen, enlarged mammary glands, decreased body temperature, etc.). Since I am such a cranky cat, they were not able to check for any of these signs without me swatting & attempting to bite them. A few days after my arrival at SAW, I became extremely irritated & uncomfortable—they were concerned... one of the caregivers even stayed with me until 4 in the morning fearing that labor was close & my size would limit my ability to give birth successfully without the help of a human. But nothing progressed. The next day, I was taken to the vet for an exam, to make sure my babies were okay, & to confirm a healthy pregnancy.

Well, to everyone's surprise, I wasn't pregnant at all, just chunky! Heck, I wasn't even female! I did however have a very inflamed rear end resulting from my inability to bathe properly. They shaved my back side, gave me an anti-inflammatory shot, & an antibiotic shot. Even though I was feeling much better, it was determined that I'm generally a pretty grumpy guy & "Oscar the Grouch" was the most fitting name for me. I will only tolerate my head being pet, but even that can be too much after a bit.

In order to prevent the dermatitis from recurring on my rear end, I will need to lose at least a couple pounds—I don't foresee that happening because I'm not very active & I really, really love food! I've already been back to the vet a second time for this problem & another trip is in my near future. I could really use some sponsor parents to assist with my bills as this will probably be a lifelong struggle for me. Since the vet put me at approximately 3 years young, I will be dealing with this for many, many years to come. Will you please consider sponsoring me & my problem bum? >'<

## 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:

- Stormy; Dawn Crain
- Big Bear; Joseph Lazar
- James—my son; Kathy Maxwell
- Tigger & Cleo; Scott Naugle
- Thelma & Louise Rusnak; Pat Vince
- SAW's Boo Boy, Mama Mia, Brigie, Felix, Sid & Martha; Dorian Lee
- Miss Peggy Fetz; John & MaryAnn Gall
- Nassef; Rita Kourey
- Bear, Ellsworth & Baxter; Louise & Tom Wiatrak
- Dorothy; Joseph Piskura
- Jackie Skony; Gerry Hergenrader
- Fraidy; Mary Hall Crawford
- Brendan; Elsie Kalchert
- Pounce; Karen Koral
- Teshuva, Tikvah & Sabbath; Judie Boland
- Leo & Zoey; Mary Segretario
- Rosie Elsten; Pat Vince
- Rocky, Jack & Jewel, Simon, Punkin, Chimney, Tiger, Sam & Trixie; James & Cheryl Shields
- Sharon; Virginia Bohi
- Kitt-Katt; Barbara Perk
- George & Washington; Ron & Phyllis Skelley
- Nikki (aka Godiva); David & Louise Winik
- Malibu; Dave & Bonnie Warburton
- Shaka-Zulu; Richard Ritter

- Roxie—our beloved cat; Fred & Cheryl Billock
- My dear Bosco; Cynthia Skrovan
- Kitty Duncan; Jane Nowicki
- Sharon Ginley; Evergreen Meadows
- Timmy & Pebbles; Loretta Caruso
- Charlie; Mary Lou Gordon
- Nomi, Midnight & Lexie; Alan & Catherine Rutti
- Domino; Shannon & Lori Clyburn
- Romeo, Margo & Simba; Roberta Espejo



## IN HONOR OF:

- Merlin; Deborah Blacksmith
- Little Bear; Joseph Lazar
- Rufus & Shadow; Delphine Sarnowski
- Jeannette; Mary Kay Balch
- Widget; Diana Snyder
- Asa's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Pat & Larry Rosewicz
- Bugsy; Sharon Gazdik
- Tommy Biscotti; Alan & Donna Hafley
- Ella & Boots; Amanda Simmons & Brittany Zuccaro



## A Special Thank You To...

- 🍏 Jim Marstellar for the Kuranda beds & awesome cat scratcher lounges... the cats absolutely love them!
- 🍏 Laureen Shields & Mike Anderson for various repairs around the shelter & for sprucing up our screened-in porches
- 🍏 Those who very generously donated food for the Birthday Pawloozza: an anonymous baker for the delicious cupcakes, Jeff Myers for the yummy hot dogs, and Carole Prahst for the tasty hot dog buns
- 🍏 Everyone who donated pop, water, snacks, or money to buy these items for the Birthday Pawloozza
- 🍏 Everyone who attended, brought gifts, helped setup, tear down, or worked our Birthday Pawloozza/ 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party!
- 🍏 The volunteers from Royal Redeemer Church for cleaning up the shelter grounds
- 🍏 Mike Simmons for helping with the set up of our new computer
- 🍏 Everyone who donates via PayPal, AmazonSmile, our Amazon Wish List, Chewy.com, & our canned food drive at Pet Supplies Plus or Natural Pet!
- 🍏 All of our volunteers who work events, clean and do dishes, help with laundry, or brush, play with, and socialize the cats — each of you makes a difference!

# THANK YOU!



Thank you

It is not often that we get sentimental in our newsletters, but when we look back over the 35 years of Stay-A-While's existence, we can't help but be overwhelmed by the amount of *time* and *energy* that has been devoted, *money* that has been donated, and *love* that has been felt by our staff, volunteers and, most importantly, the cats! The founders of this wonderful shelter, the staff and volunteers that came before us, and our current group of cat lovers have all made this special place possible. We hope that Stay-A-While has a long future ahead of it and that we can continue to touch and save lives for many, many years to come. We would like to extend a very sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who has been, is presently, or will be a part of Stay-A-While's cause—we are making a difference, one paw print at a time!



Stay-A-While continues to be amazed by the generosity of today's youth & we would to take a moment to recognize a few of these kind hearted kids...

Each weekend, we're fortunate to receive help from young volunteers through the brushing and socializing part of our volunteer program.



It may seem like a fun and easy way to help, but what most people don't realize is how

important these simple actions are to keeping the cats happy and healthy.

This summer, SAW welcomed a donation of goodies from Arisa Filbert, another young animal lover. She opted to collect items for the cats and kittens in our care instead of receiving gifts for her birthday—what a sweet gesture!

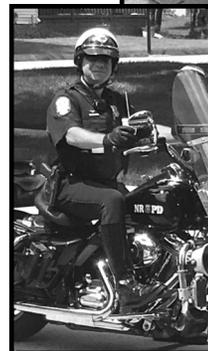


We are also lucky to continually have Girl Scouts and Daisy Troops offering to take collections of items or making crafts, such as scratchers,

toys, or mats, for the homeless cats and kittens at Stay-A-While.

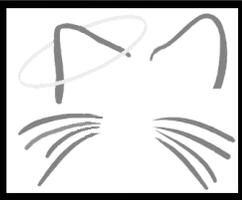
Sophia Puleo, Kendal May, and Elizabeth Cugini donated their time and the money that was raised at their snow cone stand this summer! Many

residents from the neighborhood stopped by to support their cause and even a policeman took a short break for a cold treat!

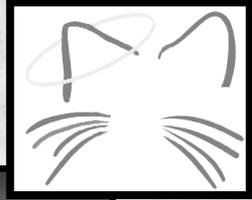


**We want to thank all of these inspiring and thoughtful kids for their donations! We hope that in coming years SAW continues to be blessed with such charitable and sweet youngsters!**

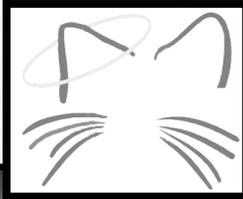
# Stay-A-While Cats That Will Be Missed



**Angel**  
August 2015–November 2015



**Stell**  
June 2015–August 2015



**Trooper**  
March 2016–April 2016

**Mitzie**  
2014–2016

**Honey**  
2004–2016



**Tulip**  
2014–2016

**Bandini**  
2005–2016

**Construction Site  
Sweethearts**  
May 3, 2016–May 20, 2016



**Nina**  
2009–2016



**Patches Girl**  
2000–2016



## BIRTHDAY PAWLOOZA & 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY!



*Whoa... what a radical celebration! The cats & kittens at Stay-A-While were spoiled to the max by all of the partygoers — the extra attention & wicked cool presents really made the day totally purrfect!!! In case you missed it, this mega cool event took place on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at SAW. There were games & prizes, a balloon twister, magicians, a face painter, munchies, hot dogs, super yummy cupcakes, & the company of our wonderful, whiskered guests of honor!!! It was an outrageously fun day for everyone who stopped by to celebrate with us!*



## Pet Carnival

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, STAY-A-WHILE HAD A TABLE SET UP ON THE NORTH ROYALTON CITY GREEN FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PET CARNIVAL, HOSTED BY NORTH ROYALTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL. WE LOVE TAKING PART IN THIS EVENT EACH SUMMER AS IT IS A GREAT WAY TO RAISE MONEY & PROMOTE OUR SHELTER. THE PET CARNIVAL IS SUCH FUN FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES & PETS OF ALL KINDS!

WE GOT TO SEE ZEKE & ZOEY, TWO HARNESSSED CATS THAT HAVE STOPPED BY OUR TABLE AT THIS EVENT FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. SOME OTHER FURRY VISITORS WE MET THIS YEAR WERE SADIE THE CAT TAKING A RIDE IN HER STROLLER, ROMAN THE "TRIPAWD" THERAPY DOG, PETEY THE PIG, & MARV THE SKUNK! WE EVEN GOT TO CHAT WITH A MOUNTED POLICE OFFICER & PET HIS POLICE HORSE.

*WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO NORTH ROYALTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR INVITING US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT!!! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!*



Sadie



Roman



Petey



Marv



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Advisory Board

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

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

 Like us on Facebook

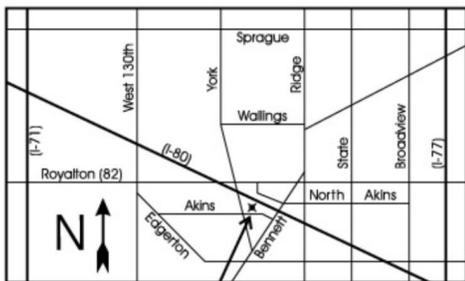
## About Stay-A-While Cat Shelter

*Please remember that a minimum of a \$2 donation will help us to continue this newsletter.*

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. Stay-A-While 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, and given 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.



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

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

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