



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

Paw Prints



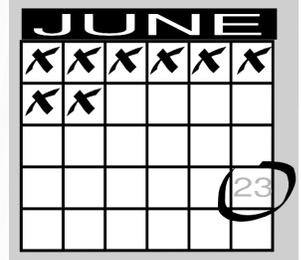
It's time for our annual

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 23RD

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 24th 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

Paper Towels Treats



2018 Annual Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, November 3rd

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.

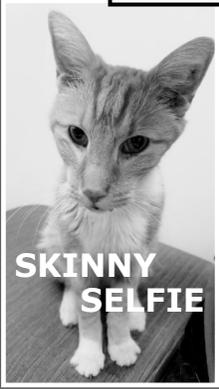
More details to follow in the next newsletter—keep your eyes peeled!





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.



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

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 impressed too!



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

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!





New Ways to Support SAW

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

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.

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

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.

Other Ways You Can Help



Digitally Donate Your Paw Points



Fresh Step makes donating your Paw Points **easy!** Go to their website: 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!



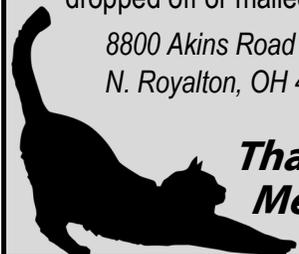
Wish List

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

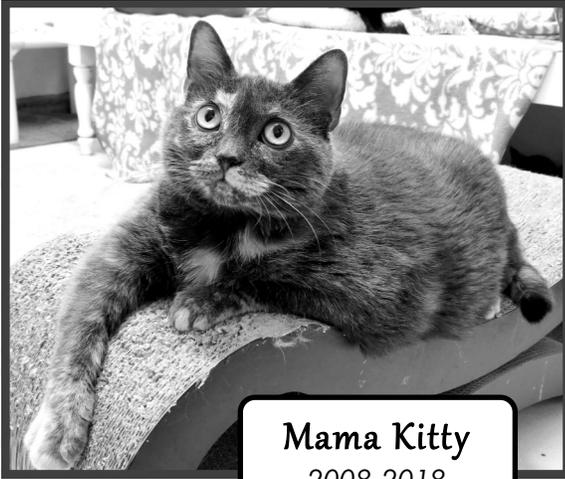
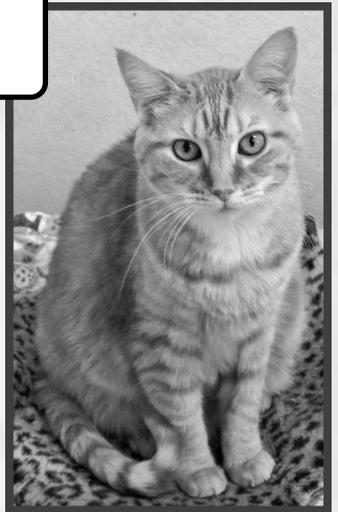


Thank Mew!



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



Jake
2009-2017



Choo Chee
1998-2018

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

-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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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???



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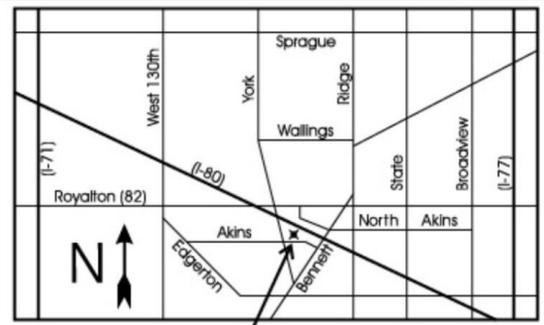
About Stay-A-While Cat Shelter

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!