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The American Museum of the House Cat, one of only two cat museums in America and one of only nine in the world, came to life in the spring of 2017 and is located in Sylva, North Carolina. I am a retired professor of biology and long-time advocate for cats. When I learned there were no cat museums in America, I made it my mission to change that. Although I knew little about building a museum, I knew a lot about house cats.

The museum opened in an antique mall on Highway 441 just South of Dillsboro, NC in April 2017 and attracted six thousand visitors that year and as many for the next two nine-month seasons. A total just over eighteen thousand visitors from all over America and from many foreign countries. At the end of the year in 2019 the museum was forced to close when the antique mall went out of business; but, was scheduled to reopen in 2020, at a new location, a quarter-mile away from the antique mall. The museum was closed again, before it could open, by the pandemic and has been opened and closed since then because of multiple outbreaks of the virus and staffing shortages.

The museum has four thousand square-feet of space and is filled with over ten-thousand items including a standing carousel with eight antique carousel cats, a mummified cat from 31 BC Egypt, fifteen showcases with cat related items and a rare book library, as well as a prototype miniature Catman2 cats without cages room.

It is a treasure for the cat lover and an educational experience. At the present time; the museum is privately owned, operates with a 509(a)2 corporation to pay for operating cost, who's profits after expense support a cat rescue shelter, and although the museum may be viewed as a road-side attraction, it is a well-planned museum, conceived and built by an educator, with many other accomplishments, including scientific research dealing with farming the sea, author of environment impact statements attempting to stem development along the Florida coastline and author of several books. I am 87 years old. Without your interest and support, the future of this national treasure, America's Cat Museum; with room to expand into a full-fledged educational & historical museum of the domesticated feline, may be lost.

Donations can be made through the website www.WNCCatMuseum.org and/or through our PayPal Giving Fund link found here: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3587764>. Thank You in advance for your support. Together, the American Museum of the House Cat will continue entertaining cat lovers of all ages for generations. Please help make The American Museum of the House Cat my legacy.

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