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Another edition of the Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition, we will display the calendar of events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, offer a heartwarming story about a former resident of The Tenth Life, remind you about the importance of keeping identification on your cats, attempt to disprove the myth about black cats, launch a new fund raiser, give the final details for the auction and dinner, tell you about a huge donation of canned food, apprise you about the three dollar campaign, display the results of the CFC and United Way campaigns, show the monthly supply donation list, inform you about past, current, and future fund raisers, and provide reminders.

Calendar of Events

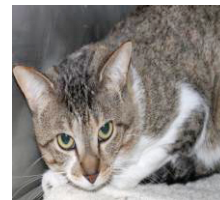
Here are the dates for the upcoming events.

\$3.00 Campaign	Now
Last Day to Accept Auction Items	Aug 10 th
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	Aug 18 th
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep 7 th & 8 th
Mum Orders Due with Payment	Sep 9 th
Pickup of Mums Begins	Sep 21 st
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 12 th

Feature Cats

Two of the cats in the last newsletter have been adopted. Julia, one of the sisters, has found a loving home as has Evander. Julia now has a brother and Evander is an only cat. Both are very loved and happy in their new homes. The other two sisters are still looking for that perfect, loving home. They are eleven month old, super loving and playful gray tigers. They would enrich your life.

The new feature cats for this newsletter are Goldie, Van, John, and Zorro. They are all spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated and checked for internal and external parasites.



Goldie is an eight year old front declawed, orange girl who needs to be an only cat. She was found in a cage in a park during the winter when the temperature was below freezing. A kind couple took her home and tried to find a home for her with no luck. She came here to find a home, but unfortunately she does not do well in a room with other cats. She gets depressed and does not eat well. She does not fight with other cats, she just prefers to be by herself. She loves people and demands attention. Goldie loves to sit on laps and be petted.

Van and John arrived at The Tenth Life together. They came from a bad environment and were about to be dumped on the street. They may be brothers, but we are not sure. Van is a tabby, and John is tiger and white. They are about a year and a half old. They do not need to be adopted together, but certainly could be. They are both very sweet and playful, and get along great with other cats.

Zorro came in as a small kitten with his two sisters. All were very ill with an upper respiratory infection but Zorro was the worst. He had to be in oxygen and be medicated. Once he was well he was put back in with his two sisters who pushed him away from the food. He crashed and had another tough battle. He went to a foster home where he did not have to compete with his sisters and did very well. When he returned, he was a bigger boy and able to fend for himself. He is a gorgeous brown tabby, about eight months old, who loves to play with his roommates. However, he is bad in one way. He loves to run out of his room past anyone entering and fly down the hallway. We are working on this habit to correct the problem.

If you would like to visit any of these cats or any others at The Tenth Life, please call for an appointment. The number is at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

Heartwarming Story

Our heartwarming story about a cat adopted from The Tenth Life is about Tong. Tong had lived at The Tenth Life for about four years. He and five other cats were living in a parking lot of a business in Kettering. They were all Siamese except for one tiger boy. All were feral but very gorgeous. In two days a volunteer trapped all of them, and their life at The Tenth Life began. One was the least feral and after a couple of months of working with him, he tamed and was adopted to a family who love him. The others tamed somewhat, but when they moved into a room, they regressed some and did not want to be petted. A few weeks ago a prospective adopter had visited the cats in nearly every room and liked several, but had not found the cat for her. When she spotted Tong under a chair, she fell in love and decided that he was the one. Tong is a large boy, and very handsome and very dark. He would not come out to let her pet him, but she still felt that he was the one. She took him home and borrowed a cage to house him in until he could understand being in a new environment. After ten days, she brought the cage back and is working with him in her apartment. He has made a little progress but will take more time to become a loving pet for her.

The ferals are such loving pets once they tame and trust their people, but that trust comes slowly and requires a great deal of patience from their owners in the beginning. Tong still has a long way to go to become a lap cat, but it will come in time. We are happy that Tong has his chance to have a loving owner for the rest of his life.

Importance of Identification

We have previously written about the importance of keeping identification on your cats at all times. The recent tornadoes that affected so many areas around Dayton, reemphasized this need. So many pets were lost during the storms. If they were found with identification, it made the return to their owners a possibility. Without a tag, it made their return very difficult, if not impossible. We know that many people are concerned that a cat with a collar and tag will get their collar caught on something and be unable to get away. The main reason a cat gets their collar caught on something, gets the collar caught in their mouth or gets a front leg under the collar is that the collar is too loose. On a cat, the collar should only have room for one finger (preferably a woman's finger which is smaller than a man's) under the buckle. Any looser and the cat can get its mouth or leg caught in the collar. Of course, there are breakaway collars which can be good and bad. If they get caught on something, the collar will come apart and let the cat escape. However, if the cat is outside and this happens, the cat no longer has any identification. Another alternative is to put a harness with the tags on your cat rather than a collar. There is less chance for the cat to get caught on something than with a collar and less chance to lose it.

We understand that people think as long as their cat is microchipped, there is no need for identification and a collar. Even though all shelters have scanners, not all shelters are great about scanning every cat that arrives. Unfortunately, if your cat is lost and a kind person finds the cat, many people do not think to have the cat scanned for a microchip. Even if the person takes the cat to their vet for a checkup, they may not mention that the cat was found or the veterinarian may not think to scan for a chip. If there is a collar with a microchip tag, there is no question, and the owner can be easily found.

Of course, the decision is yours, but we have heard many horror stories of cats getting out without identification and never being returned to their owners. This is a huge heartbreak for the owner, and you never know what happened to your beloved pet.

Black Cats

We wanted to address black cats in this newsletter. To those of us who adore black cats, we do not understand why some people are so negative about black cats. It is difficult to believe that people still think that black cats have the ability to bring them bad luck. Unfortunately, they are the last ones to be adopted just because their fur is black and people still have these beliefs in today's world. It does not matter how sweet and lovable they are, some people will not even look at or touch a black cat. We really need to change people's dislikes and even fears of black cats. Based on our experience with black cats, whether males or female, they are the second sweetest cats immediately after orange males. Additionally, if they are healthy, they have the shiniest coats of all cats. They literally glisten. Please alter your opinion about black cats and maybe the next cat that claims you will be black, and you can give it the love and attention that it deserves. The black cats are asking for your understanding and love.

Mum Sale

We are doing a new fund raiser that we think you will like. Many years ago we had a mum sale that was fairly successful. However, we did not continue having it. We thought we would like to try a mum sale again as mums seem very popular in the fall, and they are beautiful. We will be buying the mums from Furst the Florist and Garden Center as we do all the plants for the spring sale. Therefore, you know they will be healthy and gorgeous. They will be eight inch mums and are available in five colors. **We will need your order with payment by September 9th, and pickup will begin on September 21st.** Please see the order blank at the end of the newsletter.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

On Sunday August 18th, we are having our thirteenth lasagna dinner and auction. It will be held at the same facility as it was in 2018 at the VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. The dinner and auction will be from 1:00 to 5:30pm. We have arranged for Belmont Catering to supply the lasagna again this year. They will supply both meat and meatless varieties. The dinner includes the lasagna, a salad bar, rolls, coffee or tea, and dessert. Cost of the dinner is ten dollars or if you prefer the salad bar only, it is six dollars. Soft drinks and bottled water are extra. We will not begin serving the lasagna dinner until 2:00pm. We will serve the dinner until the end of the event. Any lasagna remaining at the end will be available for purchase for five dollars per serving.

The volunteers have been working very hard soliciting auction items. However, we still need auction items, baskets and basket filler/stuffing materials. All types of new, nearly new, or vintage items are needed. Cat related items are great sellers. We will accept items for the auction through **August 10th**. This allows us time to make bid sheets and get the items ready for display.

In addition to needing items for the auction, we are needing baked goods for dessert for the dinner and for the bake sale that we will have at the event. The lady who moved to Tennessee and does so much of the baking for our bake sales, will not be able to bake for this event. We will need an abundance of dessert items and bake sale items for the event. Any types of dessert/baked goods are appropriate. Usually entire cakes and pies are not as popular as small portions of cakes or pies or cookies. We would love to have a nice selection of baked goods for both. Your help with this need would be greatly appreciated. The items can be brought to the VFW on Saturday from 9:00am-5:00pm or on Sunday from 10:00am to noon.

The doors will open at 1:00pm rather than 2:00pm to allow people more time to browse the tables. Some people have complained they did not have enough time to see all the tables and make their bids when we opened

at 2:00pm. This should make it better for our customers. The event will end at 5:30pm. We plan to begin closing the tables at 3:15pm and close six tables every fifteen minutes until all the tables are closed.

In 2018 we had fifty-five tables of silent auction items ranging from gift cards to restaurants, exhibits, Disney World, Dayton Dragons baseball, Cincinnati Reds baseball, college football and basketball tickets, and entry tickets to several museums in the tri-state area. We had jewelry, clothing, gift baskets for humans and animals, cat and dog food, cat litter, household utensils, and hundreds of other items for your buying pleasure. There is no reason to think we will have less this year as The Tenth Life volunteers are currently soliciting this year's treasures. As part of the festivities, we have a **50/50 raffle** with half the money going to the cats and half to the winning human.

As always we will have our table of items for The Tenth Life. We will have our apparel that displays The Tenth Life logo, catnip toys, cat books, cat supplies from beds to Pet Hair Magnets and Furminators, note and Christmas cards, and much more. Our **2019 Christmas card** will also be available. It features a fuzzy cat sitting in a gift box and is adorable.

Since this event is very labor intensive, we are asking for your help in several areas. **First**, if you have connections who might be willing to donate items for the auction or you have items you would like to donate, that would be greatly appreciated. The sooner we get these items, the more time we have to get them ready for the auction. Please start looking and planning now. At the last auctions, we offered **jewelry**, and it was very popular. If you would like to eliminate some of the jewelry from your collection that you no longer wear or want, please contribute it to our auction. **Second**, if you enjoy baking, your baked goods would enhance the dessert portion of the dinner and the bake sale. They can be brought to the VFW Post or The Tenth Life. **Third**, we can use fresh vegetables, eggs, cheese, salad dressings, and croutons for the salad bar. We offer, lettuce, salad tomatoes, mushrooms, eggs, cucumbers, cheese, and croutons on the salad bar. Any of these that are donated, save our having to buy them and leaves

more profits for the cats. **Fourth**, we need help setting up and/or tearing down the tables and working the auction and dinner. We need servers for the serving line, table cleaners, etc. for the dinner and table monitors for the auction portion. For those who have done these tasks before, you will certainly understand the number of volunteers we will need for these tasks. Please contact us at the phone number at the end of the newsletter to help.

Please mark your calendar now for this major event. You do not want to miss this delicious dinner and value-packed auction. We promise that you will have fun and find some unbelievable treasures at amazing prices. Please be prepared to bid often and make high bids to help the cats. Please tell your friends and relatives about our event, and remember to bring your checkbook or cash. **We will not be taking credit cards.**

We plan to do the checkout the same as 2018. It seemed to work better than any other year. After we close a few tables, we will check-out our customers who had winning bids on those tables only and continue this method throughout the closing process. Please cooperate with us, and we will be able to have you home with your purchases in a more timely manner. See you there!! You will have a great time and a delicious meal.

Donation of Canned Food

We have told you about the generous donation of litter by the Pet Valu stores at Austin Landing and Beavercreek. We failed to also tell you about the generous donation of canned food. Together they donated ninety cases of Friskies food. This was a huge savings of nearly twelve hundred dollars for The Tenth Life. We truly appreciate their generosity. When customers checked out, they were asked if they would like to donate for food for a shelter. Obviously, their customers were very generous. We appreciate their help.

Status of Three-Dollar Campaign

The Three-Dollar Campaign is doing well. So far donations total fourteen thousand five hundred dollars. It

is running a little behind last year, but maybe it will increase now with this reminder. If you have already donated, thank you so much. However, if you have not donated to this campaign, please remember to do so as the cats are counting on you to help them. This is an important fund raiser, and a very nominal request for a donation. We ask for such a small amount so that anyone can donate and not incur a financial burden. Many people do donate more than three dollars, and that is wonderful. Every dollar is so important for the care and comfort of the cats. If your donation is greater than twenty dollars, we will automatically send you an acknowledgement letter unless you specify that you do not want one. This does not mean that we do not appreciate donations of less than twenty dollars, but with the number of donations to this campaign, we must set a threshold to be able to keep up with the letters. If you want a letter for a donation of less than twenty dollars, we will gladly send one with your request. Please send your donation today.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way

We have finally received the results of the campaigns from last fall. From the CFC campaign, we are receiving twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars and from United Way fifteen hundred and sixty-four dollars. These donations from our supporters will certainly help with the expenses. We mailed the acknowledgement letters the last week of June. If you donated to either of these campaigns and did not receive a letter, please notify us or check with the campaign managers. Thanks to everyone who donated through these drives, and please remember The Tenth Life during the campaigns this fall. Our number for the CFC is 32031. You can write in The Tenth Life's name and Pet Therapy Program to make contributions through United Way.

Monthly Supply Donations

The requested supplies are noted below by month. Of course, any of them can be donated in any month. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of

operation shown on the back sheet. Thank you for helping.

July	Pine Cleaner
August	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's)
September	Paper Towels
October	Friskies/Iams/Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2020 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

There have been four fundraisers since the last newsletter. In April we had the Easter bake sale and pie sale. Both were extremely successful and profitable. We had fifty-four varieties of baked goods and the selection was fantastic from cookies to candy. We sold eight hundred and forty-three dollars of baked goods. We thank everyone who baked for this sale and all of our customers who purchased delicious baked goods. The pie sale was one of our best in recent years. We sold seventy pies at a profit of two hundred and fifty-three dollars. Our customers are so great to support both of these fund raisers and help the cats.

In May we had the annual plant sale. It was a huge success. It was the largest and most profitable plant sale that we have had. We sold over twenty-eight thousand dollars of plants at a profit of over twelve thousand four hundred dollars. We truly thank everyone who supported this fund raiser, and we know you are happy with your plants. The plants were beautiful and healthy. We thank Furst the Florist and Garden Center for providing the plants for this sale. Please remember our sale for all of your plant needs for next year.

The second fund raiser was the Yellow Springs Street Fair. There was the threat of rain all day, but there was only a small drizzle a couple of times. We had a really good sale. The cats are a little over eleven hundred dollars richer as a result of the event. We really enjoyed meeting and talking with the people and selling our merchandise to raise funds for the cats.

Current Fund Raisers

Please remember to re-register at Dorothy Lane Market to support The Tenth Life. Also, if you shop at Kroger, please register as a supporter of The Tenth Life by going on the Kroger web site and using the code of **F1935**. If you have problems you can call Kroger's office in Cincinnati for assistance. Both of these rewards are very important for The Tenth Life.

Please continue saving your Speedy Rewards and transferring them to The Tenth Life. You can transfer your points to The Tenth Life at the kiosk at any Speedway Station or online at Speedway's website. If you transfer your points to the following card number – 404440 098106, we can obtain one hundred dollar vanilla visa cards for purchasing supplies for the cats. If you transfer your points to The Tenth Life, the cats will greatly benefit from your generosity, and it will not cost you any of your own funds. Thanks for helping.

If you shop on Amazon, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. Please go to **Amazon Smile** and register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation of half of a percent for the purchase. This is another easy way to support The Tenth Life without any expenditure of your own funds except for the item you are buying. Please remember this option when shopping on Amazon.

The cat furniture built by a volunteer is available for your shopping pleasure. We have a book at The Tenth Life showing the different designs available. The trees that he makes have a large base for stability and are constructed of PVC or sturdy wood covered with carpet, and the posts can be covered with carpet or sisal. Prices vary by height and style. You can choose the color of carpet that you prefer. You and your cats will be thrilled with the tree.

We still have a huge selection of beautiful totes. Some are cat fabric, some dog fabric and some gorgeous "generic fabric". The generic fabrics are all beautiful and have different designs but are not cat or dog designs. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We have them

available at the Tenth Life, at our events, or by mail. The totes sell for twenty dollars.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$25.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple, navy, bright red, cardinal, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue and green, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, light steel, pebble, khaki, olive, and medium blue. We have the long sleeve t-shirts in bright red, natural, stonewashed blue and green, maroon, smoke gray, deep royal blue, ash, and purple. The polo shirts are available in steel gray, celadon blue, red, vine green, boysenberry pink, nugget gold, and dark green. The sweatshirts come in navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, pine, Carolina blue, burgundy, orange, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color. Any can be shipped with extra for postage.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), small and large balls (\$2.00) and catnip door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$25.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair, and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards are great for writing your friends or they would make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. The entire front of the card is a cat face and the inside is blank.

These items make excellent presents for your cat friends and their people. All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage**. We know that you will love any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$4.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, & Tote Bags	\$4.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$3.00
Pet Hair Magnets and Furminators	\$5.00

Future Fund Raisers

We have already told you about the dinner and auction and the mum sale. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and plan to participate. We promise you will enjoy the dinner and auction. If you have never attended the dinner and auction, you owe it to yourself to come on August 18th. You will have a delicious meal and will enjoy bidding on a great selection of auction items at unbelievable prices. Please come and bring your friends.

We plan to be at the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival again this year. Unfortunately, last year this event was eventually canceled due to heavy rain. The dates are September 7th and 8th in downtown Beavercreek. The times are Saturday 10:00am-8:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm. Our location is in front of McDonalds on Dayton-Xenia Road. We will have our full array of merchandise and some new items. We will plan to see you there.

On October 12th, we will be participating in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. We will be on the main street across from the Speedway gas station on the opposite side of the street. This is our usual location. We will have our usual catnip toys, bags of catnip, cards, The Tenth Life apparel, cat supplies like Furminators and Pet Hair Magnets, and cat mats. Please stop by the booth, say hello and do some shopping to support the cats and spoil your own cats. See you there.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies, and the Fresh Step Paw Points for free litter. The Paw Points can be found on the bag or box of Fresh Step Litter. The code is ten characters, but is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag or box with the code and mail it to our post office box. **Please be sure to cut off the entire code.** The pennies can be wrapped or not. We are thrilled to get them either way. Sending coupons for Fresh Step Litter, cat food, Yesterday's News Litter, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol, Clorox or Sam's), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from cans (pet food or soft drink) to siding and spouting. **Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum, and we do not recycle them. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals. We also do not recycle plastic bottles.** Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges, Paw Points, and coupons can be sent to the post office box. Please keep saving and helping the cats.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday
12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

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The Tenth Life 2019 Mum Sale



8" Potted Mums in 5 Colors - \$7.00 Each
 Order Due at The Tenth Life by Sept 9, 2019
 Pick-up at The Tenth Life on Sept 21, 2019

<u>Color</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Red/ Burgundy</u>	_____	_____
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<u>Orange</u>	_____	_____
<u>Bronze</u>	_____	_____
<u>Purple</u>	_____	_____
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