

Sandbox Gazette

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It's time for the last newsletter for 2010. The year has gone so quickly, and we have so much to tell you about The Tenth Life activities for the rest of the year. We will provide the calendar of events, update you about the feature cats in the last newsletter and show you the new ones for this holiday edition, inform you about our search for a new heating and air conditioning serviceman, give the tally for the three-dollar donations, list the supply donations for the remainder of the year, tell you again about our request for the newsletter change, notify you about the response to the Speedy Rewards, offer the cats' Christmas wish list, include the order blanks for the holiday greenery and plants and pies, repeat the holiday dangers for your cat, discuss the past, current and future fund raisers, and remind you about some ways to help.

Calendar of Events

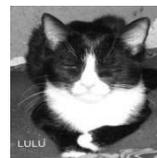
The future events for The Tenth Life for 2010 are shown below. Please plan to participate in these events and help the cats to enjoy the holidays.

2011 Entertainment Books	Now
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 6 th
Greenery & Plant Orders Due	Nov 13 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pick-up	Nov 20 th
Greenery and Plant Pick-up	Nov 27 th
First Bazaar at The Tenth Life	Nov 27 th
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 4 th
Pet Pictures with Santa at Complete Petmarts	Dec 11 th , 12 th , 18 th , & 19 th
Second Bazaar at The Tenth Life	Dec 18 th
Holiday Bake Sale	Dec 18 th
Christmas Pie Pick-up	Dec 18 th

Feature Cats

We are happy to tell you that Cheerio and Asia, from the April newsletter, have found a home with a couple

who adopted two older cats from The Tenth Life about eight years ago. Both of the older ones passed away this year, and their home was very empty. They fell in love with Cheerio first, and then Asia warmed up to them. They love them very much, and the kitties love their new people and new home. In addition, Zoe, from the last newsletter, has been adopted by a retired gentleman who loves her very much. She joins his other four female cats. Zoe is now living the good life and enjoying playing with her new sisters and many toys. However, Mitchell has not been adopted. Although he is a wonderful boy, he is black and some people do not like black cats. Mitchel jumps in visitors laps and gives them kisses. He is still waiting for that special person to realize that Mitchell is the perfect cat.



Our feature cats for this holiday season are Huckleberry, Tia, and Lulu. All are spayed/neutered, tested, vaccinated and microchipped. Huckleberry is a black and white female who is front declawed. She is about four years old and very loving, but she is not very fond of other cats. She loves to sit on laps and purrs constantly if there are no other cats around. She is a wonderful companion. She lives in a room with other cats, but she does not consider them her friends. She would love a permanent home of her own where she can be spoiled.

The second cat featured is Tia. She is about two years old and is a Siamese mix or possibly a Balinese. She is gorgeous. Tia is gray and beige with a fluffy tail. She was found along a busy road trying to avoid being hit. Tia is very loving and gets along with other cats.

The third feature cat, Lulu, is a black and white female kitten. She is about five months old and very cute. She was found along a country road at the age of four

weeks. Lulu is a playful, loving, energetic kitten. She is with two other kittens. She hissed at them at first, and now they are best friends. Lulu loves to watch the deer outside and play with her roommates. She will be small.

Heating and Air Conditioning Serviceman

We are still looking for a new heating and air conditioning serviceman. Although two different men called after the last newsletter, we still have this need. One made an appointment to stop and talk and the other promised to come by and see our units. Unfortunately, we have not heard from either one since that initial contact. We are still in need of someone to keep our units functioning properly at a reasonable cost to the cats. Please refer anyone you can recommend to us so that we can have the security of knowing that we have someone.

Three-Dollar Donations

If you have not made your donation for 2010, it is not too late. The total is currently at twelve thousand eight hundred dollars. We truly appreciate the donations that we have received. This is a fantastic amount raised by only asking for three dollars from everyone on our mailing list. Of course, only a small percentage of those on the mailing list have contributed to this request, but the donations have been wonderful. If you have not yet sent your donation, please do so. Your donation can be sent to the post office box or through our website.

Supply Donations for the Remainder of 2010

The monthly donations are paper towels for November and 2011 cat calendars for December. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange for pick-up.

Reminder about a Change to the Newsletter

With our newsletter now being on our website, we are asking our supporters to read the newsletter there rather

than receiving it in hard copy. In the last newsletter we asked that everyone inform us if they could do this or would rather continue receiving the mailed copy. Further, we asked our readers who would be reading it on the website to provide us with an e-mail address so we can alert you when the next newsletter is available. Many have already notified us of their choice, but the majority of those on the mailing list have not informed us of their preference. If you have not done so and wish to continue receiving the newsletter in either form, please call (937) 376-5550 or e-mail us at jlotsacats@aol.com. Eventually, we will eliminate everyone from the mailing list who has not made their choice known. We are making this change to lower costs and avoid sending the newsletter to those who are no longer interested in receiving it. We certainly want everyone interested to get the newsletter. With the problem with CFC (losing about half of our income) that we told you about in the last newsletter, we need to cut costs in any way that does not impact the quality of care provided to the cats. For everyone who chooses to read the newsletter on line, we will save printing and postage costs. This is one easy way to reduce costs and not impact our supporters or the cats. We will never reduce the quality of care given to the cats to reduce expenses. Please be sure to tell us of your choice so that we do not eliminate you from our list. Either choice is fine, but we must hear from you.

Speedy Rewards

In the last newsletter, we offered you a new way to help the cats of The Tenth Life. We have obtained a Speedy Rewards card for The Tenth Life that you can transfer your Speedy Rewards to in order to help the cats. Your response has been overwhelming. You have transferred nearly seventy-five thousand points to The Tenth Life card. We will use these points to obtain Lowe's or any other business's gift cards that we can use to purchase supplies and materials for The Tenth Life. If you have Speedy Reward points that you want to transfer, you can call 1-800-643-1948 or go to their website and transfer your points to the following card – **404440 098106** in the name of Jerry Kerns as they would not issue a card in the name of The Tenth Life. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you way of helping the cats.

Cats' Christmas Wish List

The cats wait for this assignment all year. They work long hours to compile the list of their biggest and most important desires for your consideration. The list includes more volunteers, contributions to the general operating fund, donations of supplies, sponsoring a cat of The Tenth Life, and adding to the fund for a new x-ray machine. All of these are important needs for the cats, and all financial donations to these funds are tax deductible. We will provide an acknowledgement letter for your taxes. We appreciate any help that you can give.

The need for more volunteers is always important for the cats. They love the attention that all of the volunteers provide to them, and the cleaning of their facility is also important. They look so happy when their rooms have been cleaned. At least ten volunteers are needed each day to provide all of the cleaning that needs to be done to keep the areas healthy for the cats. The volunteers clean the rooms, scoop litter boxes, clean and fill water bowls, fill food bowls and provide attention to the cats. These are very important needs for the cats' well-being while living at The Tenth Life. Most volunteers work about two to three hours once a week. We know that everyone's time is limited, but a couple of hours a week can make a huge difference in the lives of the cats and in your life knowing that you are helping them to have a quality, loving, clean environment. Please help.

Donations to the general operating fund are always needed. These funds are used for the day-to-day operation of The Tenth Life. They pay for Dr. Jennie's salary, utility bills, maintenance, insurance, property taxes, food, litter, medical supplies, etc. With the loss of the CFC funds for next year, donations to this account are even more important than usual. Every penny is used directly for the care of the cats. Please make contributions to this fund for the continued operation of The Tenth Life through the year.

The donation of supplies helps save general operating funds. Throughout the year our supporters donate paper towels, Clorox/Lysol wipes, small paper plates, postage stamps, canned food (preferably Iams, Science Diet, Friskies, or Fancy Feast), hand soap, fabric softener dryer

sheets, bleach, mops, brooms, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc. These donations save the cats' funds and our time that would be spent on shopping. Other items that are needed are cat fabric and stuffing that can be used for toys that the volunteers make for us to sell. Donations of any of these items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. By bringing your donations only during these hours, volunteers are available to help you unload and will prevent the doctor and her helper from taking time away from the medical needs of the cats. If you have questions about any other supplies that you might want to donate, please call us, and we can tell you if we have a need.

Sponsoring a cat is a wonderful way of helping The Tenth Life and a rewarding action for you. You are donating to the care of a particular cat that needs your help. You receive a picture and letter from the cat, meeting your specifications, introducing itself to you. If the cat has not been adopted in six months, he or she will write you another letter telling you about the happenings since the last letter. You will receive these update letters until the cat is adopted. If you would prefer to pick your own cat to sponsor, you are invited to visit the facility and make a choice. Currently, there are approximately, two hundred cats that do not have a sponsor. They feel unloved because the others have a special someone who loves them. For only ten dollars per month, you can make one of these lonely cats feel better and let it know that it is special. Some supporters sponsor a cat as a Christmas or birthday gift for a cat lover. This is a win/win situation for the cat and the recipient.

Two years ago we started a fund for a new x-ray machine when the current one no longer works. We have been fortunate to have donated machines for the entire existence of our health care facility, nearly eleven years. When the current machine stops working, we will be forced to purchase new equipment, unless we are lucky enough to have another one donated. However, we must plan for the purchase. For that reason, we began saving for the new one. We currently have six thousand dollars in the fund, but this is far from the purchase price of a new digital machine which could cost around fifty thousand dollars. If you would like to donate to this fund, please note on your check that the donation is for

the x-ray. We will keep saving and hoping the current machine keeps working until we have the funds saved.

Holiday Greenery and Plants

The order blank for the holiday greenery and plants is included in this newsletter. The offerings and prices have remained the same. Please see the order blank for the selection of wreaths, white pine roping, and plants. Both types of wreaths can be used either inside or outside. The white pine roping is sold by the foot. The plants are from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The greenery is from the same supplier as in previous years. The wreaths, roping, and plants are always beautiful, fragrant, and healthy. The greenery and plants add such a festive accent to your home for the holidays. The greenery adds the aroma of the holidays, and the plants add so much beauty and color. **The due date for orders, with payment, is November 13th.** The greenery and plants will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 27th from 10:00am-5:00pm, on Sunday from 12:30-5:00pm and during the week from 4:30-7:30pm. **Please come only during these times.** All the wreaths will be accented with a lovely red velvet bow thanks to Unique Designs Floral Studio. Two sizes are shown, however, there are other sizes available. Please call us for prices. The plants have a festive mylar cover that make them great for gift giving or for decorating your home. The hanging baskets will add a beautiful touch to any home for the holidays. With these wreaths, roping, and plants, your home will be decorated and ready for all of your holiday entertaining, and you will be contributing to the well-being of the cats of The Tenth Life.

Holiday Pies

Also in this newsletter is the order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pies from the Pie Peddler. As you know these are Mehaffies pies which are known for being delicious. You can order the pies from The Tenth Life, support the cats, and save yourself many hours in the kitchen baking pies during the rushed times of the holidays. The pies are nine dollars each with three dollars being profit for the cats. Why not order several

so that you have a wide variety for your holiday guests? All of the available varieties are listed on the order form. For Thanksgiving pies, we need your orders by November 6th, and for Christmas, the orders must be in by December 4th. **Please mark which holiday your order is for and include payment.** The pies will be available on November 20th and December 18th after 10:00am. Extras will be available, but please pre-order.

Holiday Dangers

There is a checklist in this newsletter of holiday items that can be dangerous for your cat. Please check the listing for dangerous items and eliminate these decorations/materials from your holiday decorating. It could be the difference between life and death for your cat. If by accident, your cat finds any of these items and consumes them, watch for lethargy, vomiting or diarrhea, and consult your veterinarian immediately. Be sure to tell him/her what your cat ate to assist in the diagnosis and treatment. Many of these items can cause blockages that must be surgically removed. Please do not waste time if you see any of these signs. The list provides possible alternatives to keep your cat safe.

Past Fund Raisers

On September 11th and 12th, we participated in the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival, and on October 9th, the Yellow Springs Street Fair. We earned two thousand twenty-seven dollars (over two hundred dollars more than last year) for the cats at the Popcorn Festival and twelve hundred and seventy-five dollars at Street Fair. This is over two hundred dollars more than we earned last year. The weather was fine, and the crowds were large. We really enjoyed the events and say a big thanks to the volunteers who worked the booths and everyone who made purchases or donated to the cats.

Current Fund Raisers

We have the 2011 Entertainment books for Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati. The Dayton books sell for

thirty dollars, but there are four, five dollar gift cards on the front of the book for Bullwinkle's, LaRosa's, Cousin Vinny's Pizzeria, and Entertainment Junction. The Columbus and Cincinnati sell for twenty-five dollars. The books are loaded with coupons for fine dining, fast food, movies, services, entertainment events, dry cleaning, etc. They also make excellent gifts for your family and friends, and are great for door prizes for office parties. The books are available from The Tenth Life, our volunteers, by mail with an extra three dollars for postage, or at several retailers in the area. The list of businesses selling books for The Tenth Life is as follows: Complete Petmarts at Cross Pointe Center, Lofino's Plaza in Beavercreek, and on Far Hills in Oakwood, the Hair Studio on Park Drive in Oakwood, Dayton South Veterinary Clinic on Wilmington Pike in Kettering, The Scratching Post Cat Hospital on Franklin Street in Centerville, Beavercreek Cleaners on Indian Ripple Road in Beavercreek, and The Corner Copy Shop on Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. We hope at least one of these businesses is near you so that you can purchase one or more books to support The Tenth Life. The cats receive seven dollars and fifty cents from each book sold. The sale of Entertainment books is very profitable for the cats and very important to our operation. Please be sure to purchase yours from The Tenth Life.

Our catnip toys make excellent gifts for your cat or any other cats that are on your holiday shopping list. We have crocheted balls, fish and pillows, fabric pillows, and mats. The balls and pillows sell for two dollars each, the fish are three dollars, and the mats are ten dollars. If you would like them shipped to you, we can do so for an additional nominal charge for shipping of one or two dollars depending on the number of toys ordered. They will also be available at the bazaars at The Tenth Life. The toys are homemade and filled with local catnip.

We have a new item for your cat's pleasure. A friend of The Tenth Life donated several bolts of furry fabric that a creative supporter is using to make beds for us to sell. They have catnip between the layers. The cats love the furry feel of the fabric and enjoy the pleasure of the catnip. The beds are machine washable and sell for ten dollars. They measure fifteen by seventeen inches and come in a variety of colorful furs. They will be available

at our bazaars in November and December or we can ship one for an additional two dollars.

The Tenth Life apparel and totes also make thoughtful gifts for cat lovers. The Tenth Life apparel includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags. The short-sleeve t-shirts come in navy, bright red, stonewashed blue and green, heathered blue and green, gray, cardinal, pebble, pine, light blue, khaki, and deep forest. Long-sleeve t-shirts are available in bright red, stonewashed blue and green and natural. The sweatshirts are available in navy, pine, gold, bright red, forest green, and brown. The tote bags are gray. The t-shirts sell for fifteen for the short-sleeve and twenty for the long-sleeve. The sweatshirts and tote bags are twenty-five each. Any of these items can be shipped to you for an additional two dollars for the t-shirts, and three dollars for the sweatshirts and tote bags. All have The Tenth Life logo embroidered on the front. The t-shirt logo is on the left chest, and the rest are across the front.

The original design Christmas cards are available. They were shown in our last newsletter and are really cute. Please remember this year we have both cat and dog cards available. The cat cards have a cat that is peering out of a Christmas tree with red and blue ornaments. The dog cards have a dog with a Santa hat. The cards are available in packs of ten cards and envelopes for six dollars. We know that you will want to send them to everyone on your mailing list. You might even want to purchase some as gifts for your cat-loving friends. They will be available at The Tenth Life and by mail for an additional two dollar charge for postage.

Our cookbooks are still available for twelve dollars and contain three hundred and fifty recipes. You will love the cookbook. They make excellent gifts. We can ship one to you for an extra three dollars for shipping.

The Kroger gift cards are still available in twenty-five, fifty and one hundred dollar denominations for you or as gifts. **You purchase the card from The Tenth Life**, use it at Kroger like cash and reload it as needed. The Tenth Life receives four percent of these reloads. You help the cats by simply buying your groceries or gas. Please help the cats by getting a card.

The Avon items offered in the last newsletter are still available through the end of the year. Please order.

We still offer the cat trees at thirty dollars over our cost. There are several styles and all are sturdy and well made by a volunteer. Everyone has been totally satisfied with these trees. Prices vary by style and height.

Future Fund Raisers

Please send your order blanks, with payment, for the holiday pie and the greenery and plant sales by the due dates. You do not want to miss these sales and miss the enjoyment of delicious holiday pies, aromatic greenery, and gorgeous plants. Ordering these items from The Tenth Life will save you baking time and shopping time.

The holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life are November 27th and December 18th from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will offer our catnip toys, apparel, cookbooks, original-design Christmas cards, Entertainment books, cat collectibles, and other cat items. You will be able to do most or all of your holiday shopping at The Tenth Life, save hours of your valuable time, and support the cats. Come early, stay late, visit the cats and do your shopping in one trip.

On the same day as the second bazaar, we will have our annual holiday bake sale from 10:00am-5:00pm. As always, we will have about thirty or forty varieties of baked goods and candies. Why would you want to spend hours in the kitchen baking a few varieties of holiday cookies and candy when you can shop at our bake sale and choose from our huge selection? After you make your tasty selections, you simply make a donation to The Tenth Life and help the cats. Your holiday baking needs are met that easily. Our bakers are the best, and they love helping the cats by baking these delicious holiday confections. If you would also like to bake for this sale, please bring your items on Friday night, December 17th from 4:00-7:00pm, if possible. If this time does not work, we will take your donations on Saturday morning.

The Tenth Life is again participating in the pictures with Santa at Complete Petmarts. Please see below for dates and locations. For a ten dollar donation to The

Tenth Life, you can have a festive picture of your pet with our Santa and help the cats of The Tenth Life. The time is 11:00am-3:00pm.

Date	Cross Pointe	Oakwood	Beavercreek	Springboro
Dec11 th	X	X	X	X
Dec12 th	X	X	X	X
Dec18 th	X	X	X	X
Dec19 th	X	X	X	X

Reminders

Please continue saving aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons for The Tenth Life. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from drink and pet food cans to spouting and siding. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals. The pennies can be wrapped or not wrapped. The Fresh Step Paw Points code can be found on the bag or box or in the pail of litter. The code is usually twelve characters and is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag with the code and send it to us. Please save any ink cartridges you have for us to recycle and earn a two-dollar reward per cartridge. We also appreciate your saving coupons for cat food, Fresh Step litter, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. The aluminum, pennies, and ink cartridges can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. If you cannot transport the aluminum, we can arrange for pick-up. The Paw Points and the coupons can be sent to the post office box.

Hours of operation:

4:30-7:30pm weeknights
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays
12:30-5:00pm on Sundays

The Tenth Life address:

The Tenth Life
P.O. Box 178
Alpha, Ohio 45301-0178

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

Website:

thetenthlife.org



CHRISTMAS GREENERY



THE TENTH LIFE WILL HAVE TWO TYPES OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, SLEEVES OF GREENERY, AND PLANTS FOR SALE .

- NOBLE FIR (16" OR 28" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A VERY SYMMETRICAL SHORT- NEEDLED FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW).
- MIXED WESTERN (16" OR 28" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A SHORT AND LONG NEEDLE FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW AND PINE CONES).
- OTHER SIZES OF WREATHS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. CALL (937)376-5550 FOR PRICES.
- WE HAVE WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- A SLEEVE OF GREENERY (14"-18" IN LENGTH).
- AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE HAVE THE CHRISTMAS CACTUS AND NORFOLK PINE IN 4" POTS. THE CYCLAMEN ARE AVAILABLE IN 6" POTS. CYCLAMEN AND CACTUS ARE AVAILABLE IN 8" HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 13, 2010 THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 27, 2010.
- TO ORDER, USE THE FORM BELOW TO INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH YOU WOULD LIKE. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER.

-----ORDER BLANK-----

_____ 16" NOBLE FIR @ \$17.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 28" NOBLE FIR @ \$27.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 16" MIXED WESTERN @ \$16.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 28" MIXED WESTERN @ \$25.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.75 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$ _____
_____ SLEEVE OF GREENERY @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ NORFOLK PINE (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____



The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 6, 2010 (Thanksgiving) or December 4, 2010 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.00 each)	Quantity	\$
Apple	_____	_____
Cherry	_____	_____
Peach	_____	_____
Dutch Apple	_____	_____
Pecan	_____	_____
Blueberry	_____	_____
Coconut Cream	_____	_____
Chocolate Cream	_____	_____
Lemon Meringue (Christmas only)	_____	_____

Total _____

Name _____
Telephone # _____

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov .20, 2010 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 18, 2010 (Christmas)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



HOLIDAY DANGERS CHECKLIST

DANGERS

- PINE NEEDLES
- GARLAND
- ICICLES
- GLASS ORNAMENTS
- RIBBON ON PACKAGES
- POINSETTIAS

ALTERNATIVES

- (1) SWITCH TO ARTIFICIAL TREE
- (2) LIVE TREE – SPRINKLE PEPPER, LEMON JUICE OR TABASCO SAUCE ON END OF LIMBS TO PREVENT CAT FROM EATING
- ORNAMENTAL ROPING
- BOWS OR OTHER DECORATIONS
- WOODEN, FABRIC OR PLASTIC ORNAMENTS
- (1) USE STICKERS OR STICK-ON RIBBON
- (2) IF USE RIBBON – SPRINKLE PEPPER ON PACKAGES OR PUT MOTHBALLS UNDER A FEW PACKAGES TO KEEP CAT AWAY FROM RIBBON
- (1) DO NOT BUY
- (2) USE SILK PLANTS
- (3) HAVE ONLY AS A HANGING PLANT
- (4) PUT IN ROOM THAT CAT IS NOT ALLOWED IN