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It is time for the Spring newsletter. In this edition, we will update the calendar of events, talk about the previous and current feature cats, remind you about the change in the distribution of the newsletter, bring you up to date about the Combined Federal Campaign for the fall of 2011, alert you about the necessity of flea control, notify you about the plans for the 2011 spaghetti dinner and auctions, request your annual three-dollar donation, tell you again about the upcoming plant sale, provide the status of the Speedy Rewards campaign, give the list of supplies that can be donated to help the cats, inform you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and offer some important reminders.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for The Tenth Life is listed below. Please mark your calendar so that you do not forget even one of these dates.

Three-Dollar Donations	Now
Easter Pie Pick-up & Bake Sale	Apr. 23 rd
Flower Pick-up Begins	May 3 rd / 4:30pm
Yellow Springs Street Fair	June 11 th
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep. 10 th & 11 th
Spaghetti Dinner & Auctions	Sep. 25 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct. 8 th

Feature Cats

Only Dasher from the last newsletter has been adopted. He was adopted by a couple as a companion to their tortoise shell cat. Although she did not like Dasher at first, she has decided that he is staying and she might as well like him. His Mom and Dad are very happy with him.

The three white kittens are still waiting to be adopted. They are two females and one male. They are about ten months old and are all white except for a small gray smudge on the top of their heads. All three are very loving to people and other cats

Our new feature cats are Ming and a pair of kittens named Tess and Piper. Ming is a Siamese mix who is about two years old. She is a very dark brown and tan. Of course, she is spayed, tested for viruses, fully vaccinated, and microchipped. Ming is very loving and gets along well with other cats. Although she is a Siamese, she is not particularly talkative. She needs a home where she can be loved for the rest of her life.



Tess and Piper are about five months old. Of course they are playful like any kittens. Tess came to The Tenth Life with a destroyed rear leg. The bone in her leg was not only broken but literally bent. The injury probably happened when she was only a couple of days old when the bones were so pliable that they could bend. She may have been stepped on at that time. Her rear leg flopped out from her body. There was no choice but to amputate the leg at the knee. She is fully recovered from the surgery and plays like crazy with her sister. They need to be adopted together as they are best friends. Tess and Piper also play well with other cats. There is an 18 year old cat in the room with them, and they do not aggravate him. The two of them are very well behaved. They have been spayed, tested, vaccinated and microchipped. Please come to visit and play with them so they can steal your heart.

If you would like to meet these kitties or any others at The Tenth Life please call for an appointment. We have so many wonderful cats that desperately need a loving home. You will be thrilled that you met them. They enrich our lives so much and make us feel better about ourselves and about everyone else. It is a proven fact that people live longer when they have pets to take care of and love

Distribution of the Newsletter

We have been asking everyone who receives the newsletter to tell us if they want to continue receiving it by mail or would like to read the newsletter on our website. Many have responded, but too many have not. If you have not yet told us of your choice, please do so as soon as possible. We want to eliminate names from the mailing list if they do not want or read the Sandbox Gazette. It costs to have the newsletter printed and sent, and we do not need to send it to people who do not want it or are not interested in it. We certainly do not want to eliminate interested people from the mailing list. If you prefer to continue receiving the mailed copy, we will be happy to send it to you. For those who choose to read the newsletter on the website, we will send an e-mail to notify you when the newsletter is loaded on the site. We may even attach a PDF file to the e-mail so that you can click on it and read the newsletter without having to go to the website. Please e-mail (jlotsacats@aol.com), call (376-5550) or write (P.O. Box 178, Alpha, Ohio 45301) to tell us your choice. We need to hear from you. We had hoped to begin the e-mail method with this newsletter, but have been so busy with the flower sale that we have not made the changes to the mailing list for those who want to receive the newsletter online. Hopefully we can have all of the changes made in time for the next newsletter. We promise we will make the changes. Thank you.

Combined Federal Campaign

We have submitted our package for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the drive this fall. This year, we received the e-mail asking for the submission of

our required package unlike last year when we did not receive it. We prepared the package and hand-carried it the CFC office at Wright Patterson Air Force Base one day ahead of the due date. We had called CFC in January to ascertain when the package would be e-mailed and marked our calendar to be sure that we received it immediately. We truly need to be approved this year, be listed in the CFC booklet, and be eligible for donations through the campaign. As you remember we are not receiving donations this year through CFC as our package was late to CFC because we did not receive their mailing. Even though we prepared the package and submitted it in two days, we were not allowed to participate in the CFC drive last fall. That hiccup caused The Tenth Life to lose about half of our annual funding which is always provided through donations to CFC by our supporters. The total donations received from the last campaign that we were in, was fifty-two thousand dollars. The loss of that amount of funding for this organization is devastating. Fortunately, some of our supporters, who donated through CFC, have given their donations directly to The Tenth Life rather than donating through CFC. To date, this amount is approximately nine thousand dollars. This is a huge difference from the amount donated through CFC. We would certainly like to be approved for this year's campaign, and be eligible for contributions from CFC donors. We will keep you informed of the status of our submission.

Flea Control

Unfortunately, flea season has already begun. You need to begin flea control treatment immediately so that you do not have a flea problem. Usually, if your cats stay indoors, you do not need to treat your cats unless your yard is not treated. You can carry fleas from your yard into your home and give them to your cat. Usually if your yard is treated you will not have a problem. If you do need to treat your cats, please purchase the flea treatment from your veterinarian so that you can be assured that the treatment is safe. Too many of the products sold over the counter are not effective and are not safe. Some of the over-the-counter products have even caused the death of cats and dogs. If your cat gets fleas, it can become anemic from the fleas living on your

cat's blood. Often a cat will ingest a flea when it is trying to stop the biting. If this occurs, your cat will likely have a tapeworm. The tapeworm will get the benefit of your cat's nourishment, and your cat will likely lose weight. You will also see small white segments in your cat's stool or around the cat's anus. These are segments of the tapeworm. If this happens, you will need to buy medication from your veterinarian to eliminate the tapeworm from the cat. You will not want to purchase over-the-counter medication for the elimination of the tapeworm. It may not be effective or safe for your cat. Please heed this advice when treating your cat for fleas or a tapeworm. Your cat's health and safety are dependent on your actions. If you have questions, you can call us for more information.

2011 Spaghetti Dinner and Auctions

We are planning our annual spaghetti dinner and auctions for September 25th from 2:00-6:00pm. This is a Sunday and is our first time to have the dinner and auctions on Sunday. The dinner and silent auction will begin at 2:00pm. When we begin closing silent auction tables, we will be closing them approximately every fifteen minutes. The live auction will begin at 5:00pm. We will again be having the event at the Routsong Funeral Home at the corner of Stroop Road and Woodman Drive in Kettering. We know that some people have reservations about attending an event at a funeral home; however, everyone who attended last year was very impressed with the facility and our decorations. The rooms were beautiful and the attendees had a marvelous time. The facility is centrally located for most people. The price for the dinner is ten dollars and includes spaghetti with or without meatballs, a side salad bar, garlic bread or breadsticks, dessert, and coffee or tea. Soft drinks (.75cents) will be available. In addition to a delicious spaghetti dinner, we will have the huge silent auction and a live auction. We will have an extensive assortment of auction items for your bidding delight. Remember to bring plenty of funds so you can bid on all of the items that you like. Please remember that the high bid gets the items, and all of the proceeds benefit the cats. Bid high and bid often. You will be able to pay for your purchases and the dinner with cash or check. We do

not accept credit cards. For the people who do not want to miss their favorite Sunday afternoon football game or any other sporting event, there are televisions with cable for your viewing pleasure. You can still watch the event and continue to watch the bids on your favorite auction items. Please mark your calendars and plan on having a fun-filled afternoon of eating and bidding on tremendous auction items. You will not want to miss this event.

If you would like to help on the weekend of the dinner or with the planning of the event, donate items to the auction or dessert items for the dinner, please contact The Tenth Life. Auction items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown on the back page of this newsletter. If you cannot transport the items that you want to donate, call and we can arrange for pick-up. We would really like the items before the auction so that we have time to prepare the bid sheets. Baked goods can be brought to the location on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning after 10:00am. We would love to have a nice selection of baked goods for our diners delight. Our bakers have always provided a fantastic selection of baked goods for the dinner. You can always call The Tenth Life if you have questions about the dinner or auction.

Three-Dollar Donations

It is time to again request your annual three-dollar donation. We began this fund raiser several years ago to replace the yard sale. We request that everyone on the mailing list donate a mere three dollars to help the cats. This easy fund raiser has raised over thirteen thousand dollars a year for the last few years. We cannot imagine an easier fund raiser for us or you. We considered raising the amount of the request to five dollars, but you have been so generous in past years that we do not want to be greedy. Of course, you can donate more if you choose. With the economy still being slow, we want everyone to be able to participate without putting a burden on your finances. Please send your donation today so that you do not forget to contribute and please remember to use the address on the back of this newsletter. If you prefer, you can donate on our website. Thanks for helping the cats with this fund raiser. We

would love to beat last year's amount which was thirteen thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars.

Plant Sale

All of the plants, hanging baskets, pots, herbs and perennials have been ordered and will be arriving soon from Furst Florist. We had orders totaling nearly twenty-one thousand dollars which was about fifteen hundred dollars more than last year. This is our biggest sale yet. As always, we will have a few thousand dollars of extras of all of the offerings for your shopping convenience. The plants are always beautiful, healthy, and huge. You will not want to miss this sale, and a great opportunity to help the cats. These plants, hanging baskets, flowering pots and others make wonderful Mother's Day gifts. Remember Mother's Day is May 8th. You can even bring your Mom with you and allow her to choose her own plants or baskets. You will not have to make other stops to purchase your Mother's Day gifts, and you can be sure that she will like the gifts. The orders and extras will be available for pickup beginning at 4:30pm on Tuesday, May 3rd. Pickup times are 4:30-7:30pm on weeknights, 10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday and 12:30-5:00pm on Sunday. Please only come during these times to prevent confusion and problems. We may not be there if you come other times, and Dr. Jennie and her helper cannot afford to take time away from their duties to help customers with flowers. If none of these times are convenient for you, please call us, and we will make special arrangements with you. Thanks for your cooperation with the times. You will be sorry if you miss these beautiful plants. If you have not placed an order but would still like to do so, please call us. We can fill your order from the extras and have it ready for you on pick-up day. You will be assured of getting all the plants that you want even if you cannot be there on the first day.

Speedy Rewards Campaign

This fund raiser has been more successful than we could ever have imagined. So far, more than three hundred thousand Speedy Reward points have been transferred by our supporters to The Tenth Life. We

have been able to obtain three one-hundred dollar gift cards that we have used at different retailers to purchase supplies, such as paper towels, wipes, water softener salt, etc. at no expense to the cats. This is truly like finding the money. By transferring your Speedy Reward points to The Tenth Life, you help the cats and incur no expense to you. If you have points that you would like to transfer, you can go to the Speedway website or call 1-800-643-1948 and transfer your points to the following card – 404440 098106 in the name of Jerry Kerns. As we do not have a fleet of cars, Speedway would not issue a card in the name of The Tenth Life but only to an individual. Please do not allow your points to go unused, consider transferring them to the card number shown above and help the cats save their funds. Your help is needed for us to receive more gift cards for our purchases of supplies for the cats.

Monthly Supply Donations

By donating supplies, you can save the cats many dollars that can be used for other needs. You do not have to follow the monthly listing. Any of these supplies can be donated at anytime. Your donations also save us time that we would spend shopping. Instead we can use this time to work with the cats. You can bring the supplies to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thank you for helping the cats.

April	Brooms
May	Postage Stamps
June	Bleach
July	Paper Towels
August	Fabric Softener Dryer Sheets
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2012 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

We have not had any fund raisers since the last newsletter. However, we have several in the near future.

Current Fund Raisers

Please remember to send your three-dollar donation. This fund raiser can only be successful if you help by contributing. Any amount is truly appreciated.

The Easter pie pick-up and bake sale is scheduled for April 24th from 10:30am-5:00pm. We will have extras of the pies in most flavors. The pies are nine dollars each and are delicious. Your family will think that you spent hours in the kitchen baking pies. Only you know the truth. You will also be helping the cats. If you did not order, but, would like pies, call us. We will reserve them.

In addition to the pie sale, we will also have a bake sale at the same time. We will have many varieties of baked goods for your Easter dinner. We will have candy, cookies, and cup cakes. They will be delicious as always. You simply make your selections and then make a donation for them. That way you only pay what you feel they are worth. You will not need to make any desserts for your dinner, and the cats will benefit from your purchases. If you would like to bake for the sale, please bring your donations to The Tenth Life on Friday, April 23rd from 3:30-6:30pm or on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30am. Thanks for supporting this fund raiser. Last year the Easter bake sale made six hundred and fifty dollars for the cats. Maybe we can make this year even better.

Please do not forget the annual flower and plant sale. Pick-up begins at 4:30pm on May 3rd until 7:30pm. The plants can be picked up each evening from 4:30-7:30pm, on Saturday from 10:30am-5:00pm and on Sunday from 12:30-5:00pm. There will be extras of all of the plants. The sooner you come, the better the selection of extras. Remember to tell your friends about the sale. If you do not see what you want, please ask us, and we can get it for you from Furst Florist, if they have it.

Of course, we always have the apparel for The Tenth Life. We have t-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatshirts, and tote bags. The t-shirts are fifteen dollars for the short-sleeve ones and twenty dollars for the long-sleeve ones. Sweatshirts and tote bags are twenty-five dollars. The short-sleeve t-shirts come in navy, bright

red, stonewashed blue and green, heathered blue and green, dark aqua, 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. 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. With your purchase, you can help support the cats financially and with your advertisement of The Tenth Life. We can even ship any of these items to you. Postage is three dollars for the sweatshirts and totes and two dollars for the t-shirts. Everyone who has them loves them.

The Kroger gift cards are still available in twenty-five, fifty, and one hundred dollar denominations. **You purchase the card from The Tenth Life**, use the funds loaded on it to make your purchases, and then reload the card with more funds for future uses. Every time you load your card, Kroger gives four percent of that amount to The Tenth Life cats. You can pay for your reloads with cash, credit card, debit card or check. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you way of providing funds to the cats, and all you have to do is purchase your groceries with this card. It is not a credit card, but a gift card. If you shop at Kroger and do not have one of these cards, please consider coming to The Tenth Life to purchase one or simply send us a check for the desired denomination; and we will send the card to you. It could not be any easier and the cats receive from four to five hundred dollars each month. This fund raiser costs you nothing, costs The Tenth Life nothing, and gives funding to the cats.

The furry beds and catnip toys are available for your cat's pleasure. The beds sell for ten dollars and are machine washable. They come in a variety of colors and are so soft. They measure approximately twelve by fourteen inches. We have the full selection of catnip toys – mice, pillows (fabric and crocheted), fish (fabric and crocheted), balls (crocheted), and mats. The mice are five dollars; the pillows and balls are two dollars; the fish are three dollars; and the mats are ten dollars. We can also ship the toys to you for a small charge of one or two dollars for shipping depending on the number that you buy.

We still have a few of the cookbooks that sell for twelve dollars. There are three hundred and fifty delicious recipes in a hardback book. If you want one shipped to you the postage is only three dollars. You may want one for yourself and some as gifts.

We still have one Entertainment book left for 2011. It is only thirty dollars and will save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars before it expires at the end of October. Using one or a few of the coupons will more than pay for the price of the book.

Our volunteer is continuing to make cat trees. We have already sold several this year. They are sturdily constructed with a heavy, large base and are reasonably priced. You can choose the color of carpeting that you want so that it will match the color scheme of your home. We have a catalog of the styles that are available at The Tenth Life. They are available in a variety of heights. We purchase them from our volunteer, add thirty dollars for profit for the cats here and provide your cats with a beautiful piece of furniture that will provide them with comfort and enjoyment for years. They are fully carpeted unless you want sisal on the posts for your cat's clawing pleasure. There is an additional charge for the sisal. You can visit The Tenth Life during our hours of operation to see the catalog. The cats and their owners have been thrilled with the trees.

Future Fund Raisers

We will be at the Yellow Springs Street Fair on June 11th. It is from 9:00am-5:00pm. We should be in our regular location on the main street across from Speedway, but on the opposite side of the street. We will have our normal selection of catnip toys and beds, t-shirts, cookbooks, collectibles, cat books, etc. Please stop by the booth, say hello, and make a purchase for your cat and the cats of The Tenth Life.

September 10th and 11th are the dates for the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival. The hours are 9:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. We will have a booth and should be in our normal location which is near the main entrance to McDonalds

on Dayton Xenia Road. We will have all of our great selection of merchandise for your shopping needs. Please look for our booth. We will see you there.

On September 25th, do not forget the spaghetti dinner and auctions at Routsong Funeral Home from 2:00-6:00pm. Bring your money and your friends and have a great day.

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 for us to recycle and earn rewards. We also appreciate your saving coupons for cat food, Fresh Step litter, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. The aluminum and pennies 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, ink cartridges, and the coupons can be sent to the post office box. Your contributions of these items help so much and do not require a huge amount of our time or effort.

Another very important, life-saving reminder is to keep identification on your cat at all times. Many cat owners feel that if a cat is a totally indoor cat there is no need for identification. This is only true if nothing bad ever happens. Unfortunately, sometimes bad things do happen, such as a house fire, a burglar breaks in and leaves a door or window open, a storm breaks a window or blows a door open or the cat accidentally gets out. We have had several calls recently about cats that have slipped outside and cannot be found. They were not wearing identification and were not microchipped. Even if your cat is microchipped, it is very important to have a collar and tag on your cat to alert anyone who might find

him or her that the cat is microchipped. Too many people do not think to have a cat scanned for a microchip if they find one outside. They may decide to keep the cat or take it to a shelter, and you will have lost your cat forever. Unfortunately, some shelters in this area do not always scan for a microchip on cats that come to them. If your cat has a collar and tag, the finder can call you immediately, and your cat will be safely returned to you. It will not be taken to a shelter and possibly destroyed. Your cat's life depends on your action. Further, be sure to update your contact information with the microchip company if you move or change your phone numbers. Also be aware that microchip companies may require a yearly fee to maintain your cat's contact information. If

you have questions about your cat's microchip, call the microchip company for clarification.

Hours of operation:

4:30-7:30pm weeknights

10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays

12:30-5:00pm on Sundays

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