

# Sandbox Gazette

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This year is passing so quickly that it is time for another newsletter from The Tenth Life. In this edition we will display the calendar of events, introduce the new feature cats and update the status of the previous ones, relay a heart-warming story, help you with flea control, give details about a new way to help The Tenth Life, remind you about registering your Kroger Plus Card, make an announcement about a generous donation to The Tenth Life, offer the supply donation items for the remainder of the year, alert you to an important change to the upcoming dinner and auction, remind you about the three-dollar campaign and provide a status, tell you about the 2014 Entertainment books, inform you about past, current, and future fund raisers and list the reminders.

## Calendar of Events

Our calendar of upcoming events is shown below for your convenience. Please remember these dates.

Speedy Rewards	Now
Aluminum, Pennies, Paw Points	Now
Newsletter Distribution Choice	Now
\$3.00 Drive	Now
Register your Kroger Plus Card	Now
Entertainment Books	Now
Awesome Yogurt Event	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
Last Day for Auction Donations	Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>
Lasagna Dinner and Auctions	Sep 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>

## Feature Cats

From the last newsletter, Chirpy has found a home with a family who had previously adopted from The Tenth Life. Her new brother didn't like her at first, but now they are adjusting to each other. Her family loves her.

However, Soft Kitty and Whitney are still available. They are almost two years old and very friendly. Soft Kitty is a short-hair tortie and Whitney is a long-hair calico. They are beautiful.



Our new feature cats are Waffle and Flapjack and Peaches. Waffle and Flapjack are five month old kittens. They are both tigers with beautiful markings. Waffle is a female and Flapjack is a male. They are spayed/neutered, tested for the viruses, fully vaccinated, and microchipped. They are typical kittens. They love getting attention, playing, and cuddling with the other cats and with each other. They enjoy being held and love to give kisses. Of course chasing around the room after each other is a favorite pastime. They would like to be adopted together so that they have a playmate.

Our other feature cat is Peaches. He is about four years old and is a long-hair orange and white neutered, front declawed male. He loves people, but can be aggressive with cats if they allow him to be. For this reason, he would probably be best as an only cat. He loves to sit behind people and lick their hair and sometimes even chew on their hair. He's just a little quirky. He even lies on his back for petting. Peaches has scallops on his side of orange fur. He is a fairly large cat. He would love to be your best friend.

The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars and all the initial costs of cat ownership have been covered. If you would like to visit any cats, please call for an appointment. They would love to have a home.

## Heart-Warming Story

Last fall a gentleman from Beavercreek brought a cat to The Tenth Life that he thought was pregnant. When we saw the cat, we knew that she was simply a large cat and not pregnant. We scanned her for a microchip and found one. After contacting the microchip company, we contacted the owner and found that she had been lost on Xenia Avenue in Dayton ten months before. The owner was surprised that she had been found and arranged to retrieve her. However, she did not come on the night we had agreed on and did not call with an explanation. When we contacted her again, she had decided that she did not want the cat back. She told a totally different story about the cat and told us to “just put her down.” She had adopted her from the Humane Society and had recently thought about stopping there and getting another cat. We were shocked and disappointed. We named the cat Jasmine, did the blood test for the viruses, vaccinated her, did fecal checks and introduced her into a room with other cats. She absolutely hated the other cats and most people. After some time, she learned to tolerate the other cats and began liking people. When she was overly stimulated, she would nip at people. We felt that this was because of the other cats being around, but we could not be sure. A lady came in for adoption and decided that Jasmine was the cat to adopt. Jasmine purred and rubbed the lady. The adopter has sent us letters and called to tell us that Jasmine is her best friend. They snuggle and love each other, and Jasmine is being a great cat for her. Jasmine is now in a happy, loving one-cat home. We knew you would enjoy Jasmine’s story.

## Flea Control

It is that time of year when fleas are really bad. We had a few really hot days and some rain, and the fleas are multiplying. Unfortunately, to purchase flea control products that really work, you must visit your veterinarian. Over-the counter products are not effective and some are even dangerous for your pet. We have found Revolution and Advantage Multi-cat to be the best. They both kill fleas, ear mites, round worms, and heartworms. They both require a monthly application on the back of the neck. If your pet has a large number

of fleas, you will need to treat the cat for at least three consecutive months to break the life cycle of the fleas. Indoor cats do not often need to be treated, but be sure to check them because fleas can come into your house through the screens or they can hitch a ride on your clothing. They multiply so quickly that you can have an infestation in no time. You must be vigilant in your attack of a flea problem.

If you find a kitten that has fleas and is too young (less than nine weeks) for one of the safe, effective products, you will have to resort to using a flea comb, Dawn dish washing liquid or a product available at pet stores, called DeFlea. If you work on the fleas with a flea comb, which is a metal comb with teeth that are very close together, have a bucket with water and soap suds to flip the fleas into to kill them. They get caught in the suds and cannot jump out into your environment. You will need to comb the kitten every day, or more often if possible, to get the problem under control. With the Dawn, you can submerge the kitten in the mixture of Dawn and water (keep the liquid out of the kitten’s eyes). The water will turn red from the flea dirt on the kitten. The fleas will be dead, but there is no residual value to kill the flea eggs. More fleas will hatch and you will need to repeat the process. If you use the DeFlea, spray a few small spots on the back and underside of the kitten and then spread the DeFlea with your fingers over the rest of the body. When the kitten reaches nine weeks, you can begin using the effective products to eliminate the problem completely. If you have any questions about flea control you can call us.

## A New Way to Contribute to The Tenth Life

Bissell has a program called **Partners for Pets**. We are registered with this program, and Bissell has donated a sweeper for our auction. With this program, Bissell will donate one, five or ten dollars to The Tenth Life for your purchase of a Bissell pet product. The one dollar donation is for pet products under \$40, five dollars for pet products \$40-\$99.99 or ten dollars for pet products over \$100. If you need a new Bissell product, you can make your purchase and help the cats. You can go to [www.bissell.com/partnersforpets](http://www.bissell.com/partnersforpets) for more information.

## Registering Your Kroger Plus Card

We are thrilled with the response from our supporters of registering their Kroger **Plus** Cards. If you shop at Kroger, you can provide financial support to The Tenth Life simply by purchasing your groceries and registering your Kroger Plus Card. For the past year, we have received fifteen hundred dollars per quarter through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. We told you in the last newsletter of the need to re-register your Kroger **Plus** Card and provided the instructions for doing this. We have again provided these instructions on the back of this newsletter. If you have problems registering your card, please contact the Kroger Loyalty Department at 1-800-576-4377, option 4, then option 3. They can identify the problem with your data and make any corrections necessary so that you can register your card and provide support to The Tenth Life. The code for The Tenth Life is **80591**. If you still have problems registering your card, please contact us for assistance.

## A Generous Donation

Friends and long-time supporters of The Tenth Life recently made an extremely generous donation. This couple donated enough stock to the X-ray fund to fully pay for the purchase of the digital x-ray machine for which we have been saving for several years. We are so grateful for their making this purchase possible whenever we are ready to go forward with the need. We would have been saving for several more years to accumulate enough donations to reach our goal of about sixty thousand dollars. We had already received about sixteen thousands dollars over the last few years. Words cannot express how thrilled we at The Tenth Life are to receive this level of donation to meet this requirement. It is so wonderful to know that when we are ready to make the purchase and can locate a great deal, the funds are there.

## Monthly Supply Donations

Listed below are the supply items that can be donated to help the cats. These supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown on the

last page of this newsletter. Your help with these supplies is greatly appreciated as it saves funding for other purposes. Any of these supplies can be donated in any month. If you have supplies other than these, we will gladly accept them and make use of them.

August	Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2014 Cat Calendars

## Lasagna Dinner and Auctions

There has been a major change in our plans for the dinner. We have a change of venue for the dinner. The dinner and auctions will be held at VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek (at Beaver Valley Road) from 2:00-6:00pm on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Take Route 35 to north on Factory Road, then east on Dayton-Xenia Road to the traffic light. For those of you who have chosen not to attend this event because of our having it at a funeral home, you can now attend. This is a large facility with plenty of room for the dinner and auction, and the parking lot is huge. Please come and share this event with us for a delicious lasagna dinner and auctions. The dinner is ten dollars, or if you prefer, you can have the salad bar for six dollars. The meal includes lasagna, with or without meat, a salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee or ice tea. There will also be an extensive selection of soft drinks available for seventy-five cents if you do not want coffee or tea.

For some, the best part of the event is the huge selection of silent auction items. Last year we had thirty-three tables of items and gift certificates. With the hard work of our volunteers, and the generosity of our supporters, we should have an equally large selection this year. There will be cat-oriented items plus many other types of items available for your bidding delight, including beautifully decorated, theme-filled baskets. Please remember when bidding, that this is an auction and all proceeds benefit the cats. We know that you want to get a great deal, but we need all the profits we

can make to help the cats and continue the operation of The Tenth Life. Please bid often and bid high. The silent auction items will be available for your perusal and bidding starting at 2:00pm. We will begin closing tables at 4:30pm and will close tables every ten minutes after that time. After the closing of the final tables, those of us running the checkout, will sequester ourselves for fifteen minutes to enable us to accumulate all of the bid sheets and organize them so that the checkout process can be more efficient and less time-consuming for our customers. Checkout has always been too inefficient in the past. We have tried to help our customers as fast as possible, but it has always taken us too long to get our customers' purchases tallied and finalized.

There are a few requests that we want to make to help with the closing of the tables. When the tables close, our volunteers must circle the winning bid on each bid sheet, tear off the white sheet, and give these to the volunteer who will bring them to the checkout area for organizing by bid numbers. Please give our volunteers time to do these tasks and do not try to take the yellow bid sheet or the items from the tables until you have paid for them. We will give you the white bid sheets, marked paid, when you pay for them at the checkout. You will take these to the tables to collect your auction items. We ask for your patience with the process. We are doing our best to make this a fun-filled evening, but running an auction is not our normal day job.

In addition to the huge silent auction, there are also high-end auction items that will be available. In this selection, there will be a wide variety of larger value items, such as event tickets, (Ohio State football tickets), trips to exotic locations, airline tickets (we're still working on qualifying for these), a Bissell sweeper, framed artwork, collectibles, etc. The trips this year will include two domestic locations and two outside-of-the-U.S. locations. The first trip is a Disney World Resort adventure which includes a four-night stay at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel, a one thousand gift card to be used at Disney World and four roundtrip coach airfares. Another auction package that would be great with this trip is four admission tickets to Disney World. The second domestic trip is to New York City with a three-night stay at the Grand Hyatt, and two roundtrip

coach air fares. The two non-domestic trips are a five-night stay at your choice of a Caribbean Marriott Property and two roundtrip coach airfares. The second non-domestic trip package is a seven-night stay at the Hyatt Regency in Cancun and two roundtrip coach airfares. All airfares are provided by American Airlines. All trips are good for one year from the date of our event. If you have questions about these trips, please call us. We will be adding more high-end items as they arrive. You can go to our website, closer to the time of the event, to see a more complete list.

There are several ways that you can help with this event. We will be accepting items for the auction until September 15<sup>th</sup>. We need time to prepare bid sheets and have the items ready for the tables. We accept any type of new or antique items for the auction. They do not have to be cat related. All types of items sell. In addition, we can use desserts, soft drinks, and vegetables for the salad bar. Any type of desserts would be appreciated. We have so many wonderful bakers in our supporters that we always have a delicious selection of desserts. If you would like to contribute baked goods they can be brought to The Tenth Life or the VFW Post beginning at noon on Saturday or Sunday. We would like soft drinks in cans for the convenience of our diners, and we will be able to recycle the cans for more funds for the cats. For the salad bar, we can use cucumbers, tomatoes, or any other veggies that you would like to contribute. Your contributions would save on our costs for the dinner and would be tax-deductible. Any help you can provide would be wonderful.

If you would like to help on Saturday setting-up for the dinner and auction or on Sunday with serving, monitoring auction tables, or packing and cleaning at the end of the event, please call us to offer your assistance. We will need about thirty or forty people to help with the event. You will have a great time working with others who love cats as much as you do. Please call to help.

### **Status of the Three-Dollar Campaign**

We still need your help by contributing to the three-dollar fund. We have received ten thousand, nine

hundred twenty-two dollars for this fund raiser. Although still running behind last year's amount of thirteen thousand dollars, we are grateful for the donations that we have received. If you have not donated your three dollars yet this year, please consider doing it now so that you do not forget. Your donations are very important to this fund raiser. This simple fundraiser replaced the yard sale that we used to have that took an enormous amount of time and energy. This is such an easy way for you to help the cats, without much impact to your finances. Three dollars is such a small amount to request from everyone on our mailing list, but it helps so much when combined with all of the other donations that we receive for this drive. Some people give three dollars and some give more, but it is all appreciated. We will send a letter for your donation if you contribute over twenty dollars or if you request a letter for a donation less than twenty dollars. Please send your donation today and help us to surpass any amount that we have received in previous years. The kitties say thank-you for enabling them to maintain their current life style and level of health that your donations provide.

### **Entertainment Books**

The 2014 Entertainment books have already arrived. Another surprise is that the books only cost twenty-five dollars which is less than last year. As we told you in the last newsletter, with the purchase of the 2014 book, we are giving you a 2013 Entertainment book that can be used until the end of October with a few coupons being good even longer. This is the best deal that you will find this year. Both books are loaded with money-saving coupons good on almost anything that you want to purchase. The company had some financial problems earlier this year and filed for bankruptcy. The previous owners repurchased the company and have worked on making the book a better offer for you. We have seen improvements in the new book. The company is now financially sound. Please remember that Entertainment books make excellent gifts for your friends and family. The books are available at The Tenth Life, during our hours of operation, at the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival, the Lasagna Dinner and Auction, and the Yellow Springs Street Fair. Another option for your convenience, we can

ship a book to you for only three dollars extra for postage. Currently, three businesses will also be selling the books for The Tenth Life, **but will not have the free book offer.** They are Dayton South Veterinary Clinic on Wilmington in Kettering, The Scratching Post Cat Hospital on Franklin Street in Centerville and the Corner Copy Shop on Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. If you have a business or know of a business that would like to sell Entertainment books for The Tenth Life, please call and inform us. We are always looking for more outlets for selling the books and making the sale even more successful.

### **Past Fund Raisers**

There have been five fund raisers since the last newsletter. At the end of April, we began our Dine to Donate days at Applebees in Centerville. We had one day at the end of April, one at the end of May and one at the end of June. During these days from open to close, anyone who told the waiters/waitresses that they wanted their ticket to apply to The Tenth Life tally, the cats received ten percent of the amount of each diner's bill. For these three days of dining, The Tenth Life received five hundred and eighteen dollars for the cats. We thank everyone who participated in these dining events and helped the cats. We hope that you enjoyed your meal. We plan to schedule more of these days later in the year. We will alert you in the next newsletter of the dates.

The annual plant sale was another hugely successful one. We sold over twenty-six thousand dollars of plants at a profit of ten thousand fifty-eight dollars. All of the plants sold and were gone within two weeks of the sale. One generous supporter purchased all of the plants that were left at the end of two weeks of regular selling and immediately hauled them away. We have never had a sale that finished so soon. We are so grateful to her for helping in such a generous way with the sale. The plants were again supplied by Furst the Florist and Garden Center and were even more beautiful and larger than normal. Everyone was thrilled with the plants. We want to say a huge thank-you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard in the rain to sort the orders and check them twice for accuracy. Finally, we say thanks to our

devoted customers who purchase plants from The Tenth Life every year to help fund our efforts to help homeless, unwanted cats. You are the best supporters that any charity could have.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we again participated in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. It was a beautiful day and our volunteers had a fantastic time manning The Tenth Life booth. Through the sales of catnip toys, apparel, cards, etc. the cats were nine hundred and seventy dollars richer. Thanks to everyone who made purchases and to the volunteers who worked all day to help the cats.

On this same day, SICSA had an event at Reynolds and Reynolds on County Line Road. Routsong Funeral Home had a booth space at the event that they were not going to use. They allowed us to use their space and promote The Tenth Life to the pet-lovers that attended. We earned seventy-five dollars for the cats. We thank Routsong Funeral Home for allowing us to use their booth, our volunteers who worked the booth to help the cats of The Tenth Life and those who made purchases.

Our special day at Eclipse Coffee and Tea on June 17<sup>th</sup> brought cash donations and supplies to the cats. We are extremely grateful for their help with promoting The Tenth Life and collecting funds and supplies for the cats.

## **Current Fund Raisers**

Do not forget to mark your calendar for August 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> for The Tenth Life Day at Awesome Yogurt at 3012 Far Hills Avenue. The hours are 11:00am-9:00pm on these days. There will be collection bins for customers to donate supply items. Also, on Wednesday, if you “**meow**” when you check out, you will receive twenty percent off your yogurt purchase, and that amount will be donated to The Tenth Life. Why not visit Awesome Yogurt on these days, donate to the cats and enjoy the best yogurt? We thank Awesome Yogurt for their having this event for The Tenth Life.

Please continue saving and transferring your Speedy Rewards to The Tenth Life. Simply stop at the kiosk at any Speedway Station or go online at Speedway's

website to transfer the points. If you transfer your points to the following card number – 404440 098106, we can accumulate points to 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 in this way. Since the last newsletter, we have obtained two of the one hundred dollar cards.

We continue to have our t-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatshirts, tote bags, Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, and catnip toys. The short sleeve t-shirts (\$15.00) 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 (\$20.00) in bright red, natural and stonewashed blue and green. The sweatshirts (\$25.00) come in navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, pine, Carolina blue, burgundy, and gray. The t-shirts and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes (\$25.00) are large and come in gray with black trim and have many inside pockets.

The Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00) are terrific at removing pet hair from your clothes, furniture, carpeting, etc. They are so useful and handy to have.

The Furminators (\$25.00) are used to remove loose hair and mats from your cat or dog. They do not tug and pull like a comb and scare the cat or dog. They work wonders on your pet's coat. Your pet's fur will be so soft and shiny.

Our handmade catnip toys are the best. All of our toys are made by our volunteers who only use fresh catnip, which has a much stronger scent than imported catnip, and washable fabric or yarn. The selection includes crocheted catnip mice, snakes, Peeps, and octopuses (\$3.00), (small and large) catnip balls (\$2.00), crocheted or fabric catnip fish (\$3.00), catnip mats in attractive cat fabric (\$10.00), furry beds filled with catnip (\$10.00), cylindrical crocheted toys filled with bells

(\$3.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00). We promise that your cats will love any or all of them. They make great gifts for all of the cats on your gift lists.

We shared our new Christmas card with you in the last newsletter. The cards are in packs of ten cards and envelopes for only six dollars. You can refer to the last newsletter for the picture of the card. They are so cute and are an original artwork by Ralph Patrick of Cincinnati. The cards are available at The Tenth Life and will be available at all of our upcoming events. We can also ship cards to you if you prefer.

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 be thrilled with any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$2.00
Sweatshirts, Tote Bags	\$3.00
Catnip Toys	\$2.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, Cards	\$3.00

### Future Fund Raisers

Please remember September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-6:00pm as the date and time for the dinner and auctions at the VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. This is a fun-filled event for everyone and helps the cats of The Tenth Life.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be at the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival in downtown Beavercreek. The event runs from 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. We should be in our usual space which is in front of the entrance to McDonald's. We will have our Entertainment books, apparel, handmade catnip toys, collectibles, cat-oriented items, etc. Please stop by, say hello, and make some purchases for yourself or your cat(s). See you there!

October 12<sup>th</sup> is the date for the next Yellow Springs Street Fair. Our booth number is 222 and is in front of Speedway on the opposite side of the street. This is always a fun, profitable event for The Tenth Life.

### Reminders

If you have still not indicated to us your choice of method of receiving the newsletter, (mail or e-mail) please contact us. The address and phone number are listed at the end of this newsletter. The e-mail address is [jlotsacats@aol.com](mailto:jlotsacats@aol.com). If receiving e-mail notification is convenient for you, please notify us, and we will convert you. If you prefer receiving the mailed copy tell us this, and we will continue sending a hard copy to you. Simply let us know your preference. If you have already answered this request, you do not need to respond again.

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 twelve 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 or Clorox), 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. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals.** 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:

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

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**(937) 376-5550**

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### **Instructions for Re-Registering your Kroger Plus Card**

- Go to the web site [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
- Sign in using your e-mail address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click on “Forgot Password” and a link will be sent to your e-mail to change your password.
- The next screen will have “If you already have an account – click here” Click
- Enter the code for The Tenth Life (**80591**) or the first three letters of the organization’s name, click search.
- Select The Tenth Life by clicking on the circle to the left of The Tenth Life’s name.
- Save Changes
- If you have problems, you can contact Kroger Loyalty Department at 1-800-576-4377, Option 4, then Option 3 to update your information.
- Call The Tenth Life at (937) 376-5550 if you have questions.