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# Sandbox Gazette

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It is time for another edition of the Sandbox Gazette. In this edition, we will display the calendar of events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, provide a heartwarming story about a cat adopted from The Tenth Life, present a eulogy for one of our health care facility cats we recently lost, update you about our search for a new veterinarian, request your help in two different ways, give the status of the three-dollar campaign, remind you about the annual dinner and auction, show the monthly supply donations, repeat the information about the Entertainment books and Speedy rewards, thank a group for hosting a fund raiser for The Tenth Life, tell you about some special offers, inform you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and offer a few reminders.

## Calendar of Events

The upcoming events for The Tenth Life are listed below.

Speedy Rewards	Now
Aluminum, Pennies, Paw Points	Now
Entertainment Books	Now
Three-Dollar Campaign	Now
Annual Lasagna Dinner & Auction	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>

## Feature Cats

Holly, from the last newsletter has been adopted, but Princess is still looking for a home where she can be loved and spoiled.

Our new feature cats are Shelly and Prince. They are both about one and a half years old and are very loving and friendly. Shelly is a short-hair, black female, and

Prince is a medium hair, blonde male. They both are fine with other cats. Shelly came with her kitten from a very bad environment. Prince was found in a parking lot of a motel by a worker traveling through the area. He had injuries on both sides of his body, possibly bite wounds. He has totally healed and is very handsome. Both love to be petted and will purr immediately when you do. They are so sweet and need a home where they can be pampered. You can call the number listed at the end of the newsletter if you are interested in meeting either of these wonderful cats.



## Heart-Warning Story

Tufty is our special adoptee for this newsletter. She came to The Tenth Life a few years ago as a feral adult cat. She has long, tiger and white hair and is gorgeous. She was adopted once but was returned because the lady did not have the patience to work with Tufty. She spent another couple of years in her room with her cat friends and was very friendly with them. However, she did not want to be petted by visitors. She would come out when visitors entered her room but always managed to stay at least one arm length away for safety. A gentleman, who had adopted from The Tenth Life years ago, lost his cat to cancer. He wanted another cat for companionship for his remaining cat. He visited every room, but kept going back to see Tufty. He waited very patiently for her to finally come to him and sniff his fingers. She still did not want him to touch her. After going home and thinking about all of the cats he had

seen, he came back to visit Tufty again. After about an hour, he actually was able to touch her for a second. He finally decided to try her at home. He borrowed a cage from The Tenth Life so he could confine her and work with her to gain her trust. At first he could not touch her, and she would swat at him when he came too close to her in the cage. This went on for a couple of months, but he could see slight improvements as time progressed. She started to let him touch her without swatting him and even allowed him to begin brushing her. We talked with him to give him encouragement and answer any questions about the progress he was seeing. All this time his other cat would go to the cage and have discussions with Tufty about life at this home. Tufty would rub against the cage and confide with the other cat. About two months ago, he was able to open the cage door and let her come out whenever she wanted. She would retreat to the cage if she felt threatened. She began coming to him for attention and sitting on the couch with him. Tufty and the other cat began having wrestling matches and chases through the house. She has become a pet to him and a companion to the other cat. She loves to watch the birds outside, play with her friend, and be loved by her new "dad." He was so patient with her and worked so hard to gain her trust. He spent many hours sitting on the floor talking to her in her cage and telling her he would not hurt her. They now love each other very much. They are a happy family. We are so grateful to him for his patience and love to this super shy cat. Thank you Don.

### **Eulogy for Buford**

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, The Tenth Life lost one of our long-time residents and a special friend. His name was Buford. He was the large, black cat who greeted everyone who came to The Tenth Life. He arrived nearly fourteen years ago when he was about eleven months old. He was badly injured. We assumed that he had been hit by a car. The car won unfortunately. He had a broken lower jaw, a broken pelvis, and a broken rear ankle. His jaw had to be wired to allow healing. His ankle was wrapped, and his pelvis required eight weeks of cage rest. He was a wonderful patient. After he was completely healed, Dr. Jennie needed a blood donor for

another cat. Because Inigo would not cooperate, she tried Buford. He was the most cooperative patient and sat perfectly still until she was done drawing blood. We decided that he would live in the health care facility and be our blood donor cat. A couple of years later, when we again needed a blood donor, we tried Buford, and he refused. He said that he did his favor and he was done. He lived happily with all of us and loved to meet every new visitor who arrived. He would often lie on the rug in front of the desk so that he would be the first greeter and get more attention than anyone else. He was a rare cat. He loved to be held upside down in your arms and would pat your face to show his love. He was always loving. He did not run much because of his size, but we all noted when he did. He loved the other cats and even the one dog that lived in the health care facility for a few years. He never met a stranger and never met anyone he did not like. About two years ago he had a health episode. He was fine one evening and the next day he could not walk or even stand by himself. This went on for a few weeks and after a great deal of medicine, he began to recover. He lost weight during this time and never completely regained all of his weight. He was pretty much the old Buford, but maybe a little slower. About a month before he died, he began to be even slower and his appetite decreased. We did x-rays, blood work, etc. but was sure that he had cancer. He did have spleen and liver cancer, and we feel it spread to the lungs. We lost our special boy and miss him dearly. He was a very, very special boy who gave us much more love and happiness than we could ever have given him. We miss you Buford.

### **Search for a New Veterinarian**

Unfortunately, our search for a new veterinarian is still ongoing. Although we have interviewed several, we have still not found the perfect match for our needs. We have advertisements running, but no viable candidates so far. We are continuing our search and are hopeful that we will find a special doctor to fill the position. If anyone knows a doctor that would be interested, please have him/her contact The Tenth Life at the number at the end of this newsletter. We need a full-time doctor who is highly qualified in both

diagnostic and surgical skills. The hours can be flexible, but the devotion to the cats must be paramount.

### **Request for Help**

We have learned that the wonderful lady who does so much of the baking for our bake sales is planning to move out-of-state. If we are to continue having bake sales as a way of earning funds for the cats, we will need many more bakers. For the Christmas bake sale she would make about forty varieties of candy and cookies and make less varieties for Easter and the lasagna dinner. We are sure that we will need several bakers to be able to offer as large of a variety as we have in the past. We do not expect anyone to make as many varieties as she has, but every helper will make the continuance of the bake sale possible. Each bake sale makes hundreds of dollars for the cats. If you would love to bake for the bake sales at Easter, Christmas and/or the lasagna dinner and auction, please contact us to offer your assistance. We really need your help.

The second request that we have is for volunteers. We only need two or three hours of your time each week to meet our needs. We need volunteers for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. If you have been thinking about volunteering, this would be a great time to decide to help. The volunteers scoop litter boxes, fill food and water bowls, and clean the rooms. Of course the best part of the job is petting the cats. They are so appreciative of your help and will reward you with lots of purrs and rubs. You will really enjoy helping the cats. Some people think they could not help because they would want to take the cats home with them. We all feel that way, but at least at The Tenth Life, they are not being put to death to make room for more. We are a no-kill and do **not** do that. The cats live at The Tenth Life until they are adopted or until they pass away. They have a home for life. All of the cats are adored by the volunteers and they love coming in to help the cats have a nice, clean home. Your help is truly needed. If once a week is too much for your schedule, a few volunteers come every other week. We can work with you and accommodate your schedule as needed. Please consider coming to help.

### **Status of Three Dollar Campaign**

The total for the three-dollar campaign has reached seventy-eight hundred dollars so far. We thank everyone who has contributed. If you have not made your donation, please send it today to prevent forgetting. The cats need your help. This is one of our largest fund raisers. We are nearly halfway to our goal of sixteen thousand dollars. We really need everyone to participate to reach the goal. This is such an easy fund raiser for our supporters and for our volunteers. It is such a small amount for you to contribute that it hopefully does not impact your finances, and it does not require much time on our part. It is a win/win fund raiser for everyone. The cats have more funds for their needs, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped the cats to enjoy their stay at The Tenth Life. Please contribute and help us meet our goal and possibly exceed it. Please remember that we will send acknowledgement letters for all donations over twenty dollars. All donations are so important, but with so many contributions for this fund raiser, it is almost impossible to acknowledge every donation, and that is the reason for the twenty dollar cutoff. We appreciate any amount that you donate. It all helps, and is all more than we had before. Please keep the three-dollar donations coming.

### **Annual Lasagna Dinner and Auction**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our tenth annual dinner and auction at VFW Post 8312 on Dayton Xenia Road in Beavercreek. This is the same location as last year. The time is set for 2:00-5:30pm. There will only be a silent auction. Last year we had over forty tables loaded with silent auction items of all varieties. Please plan on bidding on several items and remember that the proceeds are strictly for the cats. We need high bids to finance all of the cats' needs. We plan to begin closing tables about 3:15 and will close tables at fifteen minute intervals. We have determined a better procedure for checkout. After closing several tables, we will check out anyone who had items on those tables. We will repeat this process at intervals to speed up the checkout process and prevent our customers having to wait until all tables are closed to begin checkout. We hope this will help.

The dinner will again be catered by Belmont Catering and will offer both meat and meatless (white sauce) lasagna. Both are delicious. The dinner will also include salad, garlic bread sticks, coffee or tea and dessert. Dinner will be served throughout the event. Soft drinks or bottled water will be available at an additional cost. For those of you who do not want a dinner, we will again offer the salad bar. The cost of the dinner is ten dollars, and the salad bar is six dollars.

As we did last year, we will have a bake sale with many of your favorite baked goods from our fantastic bakers. You will make your selections and make a donation for your purchase. You decide the price. You will have delicious baked goods at the price you consider to be appropriate.

We are accepting donations for the auction. If you have items to donate, they can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange for pick-up. The items can be new or antiques and do not have to be cat-oriented. All kinds of items sell, but items with a cat theme are always big sellers. We will need these donations no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time to make bid sheets and work the items into the layout plan. **We will also accept donations for the dinner. We will need lettuce, salad bar vegetables, dressings, Coke, Diet Coke, Diet Pepsi, and bottled water.** Donations reduce our expenses and save the income from the sale for the cats.

Last year, we asked for donations of jewelry. We were overwhelmed with the quantity of jewelry donations that we received. We had over two tables of jewelry. Our shoppers loved the selection. If you have more jewelry that you would like to donate, please bring it to The Tenth Life. The jewelry was a huge seller and made great profits for the cats.

Further, we will need many hard workers to keep the dinner, salad, and soft drink areas supplied, to clean tables, and to man the auction tables. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please notify us. We really need your help with this event as it is very labor intensive. Please call and offer your assistance. We are counting on your help.

## Monthly Supply Donations

The list of monthly donations of supplies is noted below. Your donations really help in so many ways. Our time and funds are saved with your generosity. Thank you. The supplies can be bought to The Tenth Life.

July	Paper Towels
August	Rolls of Sisal for Repairing Cat Trees*
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2016 Cat Calendars

\*Available at Lowe's for \$8.98 for a fifty-foot roll. A volunteer is replacing the sisal on the cat trees in all of the rooms, and this would help with the expense. Repairing the trees is less expensive than replacing them.

## Entertainment Books

We informed you in the last newsletter, that we again have the complimentary 2015 Entertainment books that we will give you at no charge if you pre-order and pay for your 2016 Entertainment book (\$30.00) now. We still have a few of the free books left. If you cannot come to The Tenth Life to pre-order your 2016 book, we can ship a 2015 book to you for an extra three dollars for shipping. When the 2016 books are available later in the summer, we will call you to arrange to get the book to you. This is a super deal, as the 2015 book can be used through the end of the calendar year. You can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars by using the coupons from this book, and the book does not cost you a penny. You cannot find a better deal.

## Speedy Rewards Program

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. We are close to being able to receive another one hundred dollar card. 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 the cats in this way.

### Special Fund Raiser

On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Dayton Area Direct Sales Networking Events Group had a fund raiser to support The Tenth Life. There were raffles and a scavenger hunt. Everyone had a fun time and a delicious meal. The proceeds from the evening were donated to The Tenth Life. We also sold some of our great catnip toys and cards. We thank the group and its volunteers for supporting our organization. We thank our supporters and the volunteers of The Tenth Life for their help.

### Special Offers

We have nine special offers of gift packages that we want to tell you about. They were in last year's auction and did not sell. Some have short times left on the offers that would not give you much opportunity to use if sold in this year's auction. If you are interested in any of these special offers at great prices, please call The Tenth Life during our hours of operation, and we will be glad to give you the value and other information about them. They would provide a great getaway and a chance to relax for you and your family and give the cats more funding to satisfy their needs.

Event	Tickets	Expiration
Kings Island	2	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Ford Museum	4	None
Greenfield Village	4	None
National Corvette Museum	4	Sep 21 <sup>st</sup>
Garst Museum	2	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame	2	None
Columbus Museum of Art	2	None
African Safari Wildlife Park	2	None

### Past Fund Raisers

The annual plant sale was a huge success. It was the biggest and most profitable plant sale to date. All of the plants sold at a profit of ten thousand six hundred dollars. We sold nearly twenty-seven thousand dollars of bedding plants, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, perennials, flowering pots, and patio pots. All of the plants were from Furst and were beautiful and healthy as always, and the weather actually cooperated with us when we were filling and checking orders. No rain, but lots of sunshine and really hot days were on the agenda. It took lots of watering to keep the plants healthy, but we did our best. It was especially difficult one day when our well pump would not work, and we could not water until late in the day. We made it through all of it, sold all the plants, and made a huge profit for the cats. We thank all of our customers for purchasing from us, Furst for providing such gorgeous, healthy plants, and our dedicated, hard-working volunteers for their hours of labor to make it all possible. Please plan to purchase your plants next year from our sale.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we participated in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. We loved talking with our customers about their cats and meeting some old friends. It was a fun day for our volunteers who worked the booth. We sold catnip toys and catnip, collectibles, cards, The Tenth Life apparel, etc. and made almost twelve hundred dollars for the cats. We plan to be at the October Street Fair.

### Current Fund Raisers

Please do not forget the three dollar campaign. The cats are counting on you to contribute your three dollars to help them meet their goal of sixteen thousand dollars. for this fund raiser.

If you shop on Amazon, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. When you are going to make a purchase on Amazon, 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 you are 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 the cats will be thrilled with the furniture.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) sweatshirts (\$25.00), and tote bags (\$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, kelly green, kiwi, denim, 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, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes are large and come in gray with black trim and have many inside pockets.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, octopi, snakes, flower buds, cubes, and cylinders (\$3.00), and small and large balls (\$2.00), and a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted rope that hangs from a door knob (\$5.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), felt fish (\$3.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00). All are made with fresh, home-grown catnip.

Crocheted beds (\$10.00), 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 Furninators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards have been selling very well. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. Of course there is a cat on the face of the card and they are blank on the inside.

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 and your cat(s) will love any of these items.

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

### Future Fund Raisers

We will be at the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Our booth is usually near the entrance to McDonald's. We will have all of our usual merchandise for your cat shopping convenience. See you there.

Do not forget to mark your calendar for the dinner and auction on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-5:30pm. You will not want to miss this annual event. You can enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner and shop for fantastic items in the silent auction. We need to see you there to support the cats.

### Reminders

**With kitten season in full swing, please view the enclosed population explosion chart that shows how quickly cats reproduce and the magnitude of cats two breeding cats and their offspring can produce.**

This will be our last reminder about the distribution of the newsletter. **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. **E-mail saves us printing and postage costs.** If you prefer receiving the mailed copy, tell us and we will continue sending a hard copy to you. Simply let us know your preference. If you have answered this request, you do not need to respond.

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 or 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.

**We appreciate your saving pill bottles for our use; however, we currently have a several year supply.** When our supply is smaller, we will ask for your help again. Thanks so much for helping in the past.

**Hours of Operation:**

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

**Phone Number:**

**(937) 376-5550**

**The Tenth Life Address:**

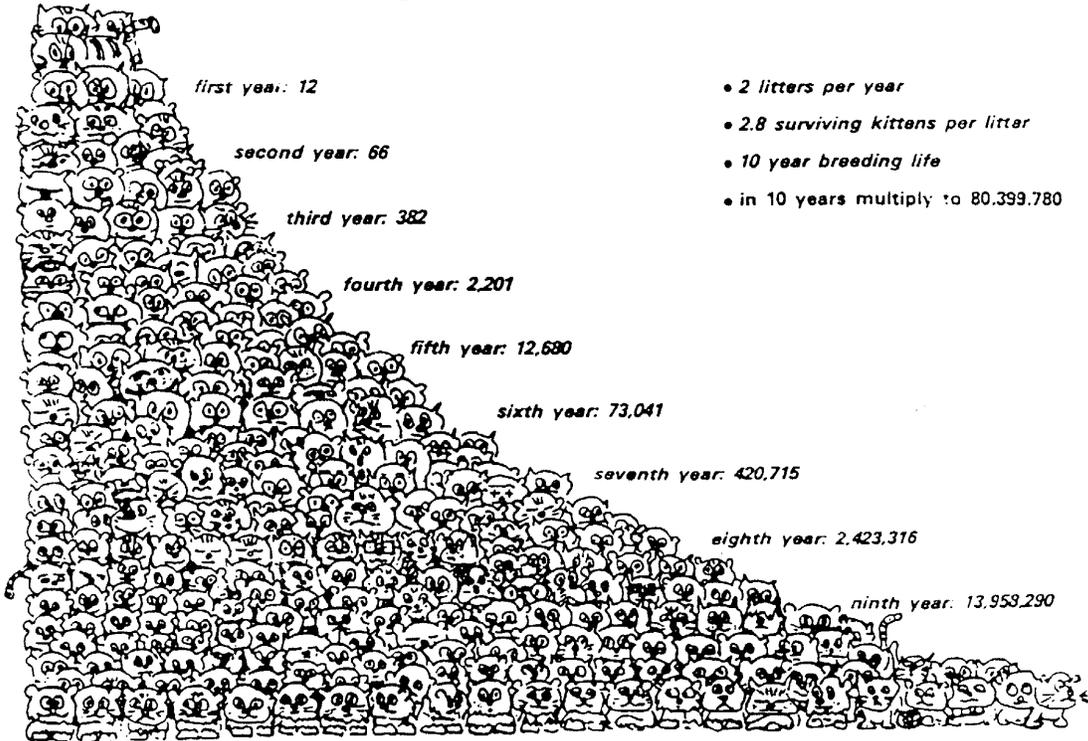
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**thetenthlife.org**



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*Tenth Annual  
The Tenth Life  
Cat Shelter & Adoption Center  
Lasagna Dinner & Auction  
A No-Kill Shelter Housing 500 Cats*

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 PM – 5:30 PM

At VFW Post 8312

2389 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek

Lasagna Dinner\* - \$10.00

Salad Only - \$6.00

Soft Drinks Available

Silent Auction

More Info: (937) 376-5550

\*Available with or without meat

