

Sandbox Gazette

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Spring is here, and it is time for another edition of The Sandbox Gazette. In this edition, we will offer the calendar of events, tell you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, relate a heartwarming story about a cat from The Tenth Life, update you about our search for a new veterinarian, provide the tally of donations from the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way, repeat the message about the microchips that we use for the cats adopted from The Tenth Life, tell you about the need to re-register your Kroger Plus Card and your Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Card to support The Tenth Life, remind you about the upcoming plant sale, kickoff the 2016 three-dollar campaign, furnish all the details for the annual lasagna dinner and auction, show the monthly supply donation list, inform you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and give some reminders.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for The Tenth Life for the next several months is provided below. Please mark your calendar so you do not miss these important dates.

Three-Dollar Campaign Begins	Apr. 1 st
Re-Register Kroger Plus Card	April
Plant Pick-Up Begins	May 3 rd after 4pm
Yellow Springs Street Fair	June 11 th
Annual Lasagna Dinner & Auction	Aug. 21 st
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept. 10 th /11 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct. 8 th

Feature Cats

Miss Kitty from the last newsletter has been adopted by a single man who had lost one of his two older cats. He was looking for a cat as a new friend for his thirteen year old cat. Miss Kitty adopted him the minute she saw

him and demanded that he take her home. She lies on her new “Dad’s” chest each night and makes sure that her “brother” knows that she is the boss. They are a happy family. We are very grateful that she found another home where she is loved.

Denise, our other feature cat in the last newsletter has not been adopted. She is such a feisty little girl. She rules the room where she lives. She has convinced all the other cats that this is her room, and she may let them live there. Denise loves to play with anything that moves. She is such a fun cat, and she needs a home where she can be the boss.



Our new feature cats are Archie and Shelly and Leonard. Archie is orange and white and is about nine months old. He is a “mitten foot” cat with two extra toes on each front foot and one extra toe on each back foot. Archie loves to wrestle with other cats and watch the birds outside. Of course, he is neutered, tested for viruses, vaccinated, and microchipped. He is a handsome, friendly little guy.

Our other feature cats are Shelly (short for Sheldon) and Lenny (short for Leonard) named for characters on The Big Bang Theory. They were found at a Shell Gas Station and were semi-feral. They are now very loving and get along great with other cats. Shelly is a black and white short hair and Lenny is a long hair orange and white. They are about eight months old, but fairly small for their age. They would love to be adopted together as they had a pretty rough start living as strays on a busy road. They need someone to love them forever.

Any of these cats, or any others at The Tenth Life are available for adoption by appointment. The adoption fee is seventy-five dollars for a lifetime of love. Please call for an appointment to see all the cats.

Heart-Warming Story

Our heart-warming story for this newsletter is about Chris. He is a mostly white with black spots, handsome boy. He had an injury to his left, front paw that resulted in permanent nerve damage and caused him to walk and run with a limp. We were contacted about him by a Kettering policeman several months ago. A woman he knew had been trying to catch Chris and find him a home. He asked The Tenth Life to take him. Chris was living under a pine tree at the Kroger store at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane. The woman borrowed a trap and a carrier, but could not catch him. We learned that several people were feeding him, and someone had put a suitcase under the pine tree for a bed for him. A couple of months ago, when it was super cold, a man called about the same cat. The temperature that night was about six degrees. He was able to catch him and bring him to us in a large cage. We could tell immediately that Chris was scared but certainly not feral. Although he ran from everyone at Kroger, he allowed us to pet him immediately. We discovered that he was already neutered. He was a little shy and nervous when we started letting him out of the cage, but he became a favorite of all of the volunteers very quickly. One volunteer fell in love with him more than everyone else and decided that Chris had to live at her house. He has been in his new home about a month and loves his cat playmates. He also loves his people very much because they gave him a great, happy home with lots of love, great food, warmth, and friends. He is a very lucky boy!!

Search for a New Veterinarian

Unfortunately, our search continues for a new full-time veterinarian. The doctor who has helped us for about a year, had to curtail her hours because of asthma. She now only comes one day every other week. We desperately need to find a new doctor and have been

running ads in four veterinary publications. We still have not found a doctor who would like to take the job. We have had a couple of great possibilities, but unfortunately some things changed that prevented our hiring either of them. We will continue our search until we find a great replacement. If you know a great veterinarian who might be interested, please provide our information to him or her.

Combined Federal Campaign/United Way Donations

We have received the donation information for the 2015 programs for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way (UW). We will be sending thank you letters by the end of May to everyone requesting one. If you asked for an acknowledgement letter, but do not receive one, please notify us. We will check with the respective campaign to correct the problem. We will receive twenty thousand three hundred dollars from the CFC donations and twenty-five hundred dollars from UW. Many corporations now conduct their own campaigns and do not participate in the UW drive. We also receive funding from these campaigns. They send their donations directly to us. All of these donations are greatly appreciated and allow the organization to continue helping needy cats.

Microchip Reminder

We wanted to again remind you about the Home Again microchips that we implant in the cats adopted from The Tenth Life. When we purchase the microchips, we purchase a lifetime registration for the cat who receives the microchip. For the first year, there are several perks included, such as pet insurance, etc. After the first year, these perks are no longer in effect unless you pay an additional fee each year. If you receive a letter from Home Again to renew your cat's registration, it is simply for these perks, although the letter is not entirely clear about this unless you read the fine print at the very end of the letter. Please do not be confused about this if you receive one of their letters. If you want to renew the perks, that is your decision, but the cat is permanently registered when you adopt the cat from The

Tenth Life. You can call The Tenth Life if you have any questions on this matter.

Re-register your Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Card and your Kroger Plus Card

We forgot to remind you in the last newsletter to re-register for Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program and designate The Tenth Life as your charity of choice. If you shop at Dorothy Lane Markets and have never registered for this program, please ask them for the details. From the 2015 program, The Tenth Life received over seven hundred dollars from this program.

April is the month to re-register your Kroger Plus Card as a supporter of The Tenth Life. If we registered your card last year, we will be doing the same this year and save you the trouble. If you registered your card last year, please follow the same procedures as you did last year and re-register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. **Our number is 80591.**

These are both very easy ways for you to support The Tenth Life without any expenditure of your own funds. The stores contribute the funds to our organization based solely on your purchases. Thanks for your help and support.

Annual Plant Sale

The plant sale is quickly approaching. At the present time we are about one thousand dollars ahead of last years' orders, and we still have a few orders to arrive. If you have not ordered, but would like to order, we can still get your order in and either take your requests from our extras or increase our order to Furst. We love to have to increase our order. It means more beautiful flowers, more customers, and more earnings for the cats. As time is getting short, you can simply call us to give your order over the phone, and we will have it ready for you.

Flower orders will be ready for pick-up beginning at 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 3rd. The hours for pick-up are: each evening for the rest of the week 4:00-7:00pm, on

Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm, and on Sunday from 12:30-5:00pm. Please adhere to these hours to avoid confusion and mix-ups with the orders. We will be available during those hours to locate your order, recheck it for the third time, and help load your beautiful plants into your vehicle.

As always, we will have extras of almost all varieties for your shopping convenience. We know that you may not have ordered enough or you may see plants that you like and would love to have for your home. The extras will also be available beginning on Tuesday, May 3rd. Please tell your friends about our sale so that we can sell even more flowers. When you are shopping for extras, if you do not see what you want, please be sure to ask one of our volunteers for assistance. We will gladly go back to Furst and get what you want to satisfy your needs. The more flowers we sell, the more profits for the cats. We want all of our customers to be happy with their plants and get everything they need.

We do have one request. If we have made a mistake with your order after three checks, please let us know so that we can correct the problem. We try so hard to have every order perfect, but with the number of orders that we have, errors can be made. We will gladly correct any problem. After all, flowers are not our usual jobs.

Three-Dollar Campaign

As we told you in the last newsletter, the start of the 2016 three-dollar campaign was April 1st. We have already received a few donations to his fund raiser. All we ask is that everyone on our mailing list donate three dollars to this fund. We hope that asking for this nominal amount is possible for everyone and does not cause a financial hardship. Many contributors donate more than three dollars, and that is fantastic. Last year we received over \$18,000 through this fundraiser. It would be quite a challenge to better that, but it is really worth trying. Just send your donation to the Post Office Box or give through "Just Give" on our web site. Either way the kitties will be nicely supported thanks to your generosity. Let's make this year the best ever. For all donations over twenty dollars, we will send an

acknowledgement letter. If your donation is less than this amount and you would like a letter, please note that on your check or on a note accompanying your donation. We truly appreciate all donations to his fund raiser, but the number of people contributing is large and makes doing a letter for everyone very labor intensive. Please remember that no donation is too small because they all add to the total.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

We are in the final stages of preparing for the Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction - with jazz music provided by an adopter and his group. It will be held at the same facility as it was last year, at VFW Post 8312, 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. The dinner will be on Sunday, August 21st from 2:00 to 5:30pm. We have arranged for Belmont Catering to supply the lasagna again this year. They will supply both meat and meatless varieties. We will also have a salad bar, bread sticks, coffee, tea, and dessert. Cost of the dinner is ten dollars or if you prefer the salad bar only, it is six dollars. Soft drinks and bottled water are extra.

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

As always we will have our table of items for The Tenth Life. We will have our apparel that displays The Tenth Life logo, catnip toys, cat books, cat supplies from beds to Pet Hair Magnets and Furminators, note and Christmas cards, and much more.

Since this event is very labor intensive, we are asking for your help in several areas. **First**, if you have connections who might be willing to donate items for the auction or you have items you would like to donate, that would be greatly appreciated. The sooner we get these items, the more time we have to get them ready for the auction. Please start looking and planning now. Last year we offered jewelry at our auction, and it was very popular. If you would like to eliminate some of the jewelry from your collection that you no longer wear or want, please contribute it to our auction. **Second**, if you enjoy baking, your baked goods would enhance the dessert portion of the dinner and the bake sale. They can be brought to the VFW Post on Saturday (9:00am-5:00pm) or Sunday (10:00am-1:00pm). **Third**, we can use fresh vegetables, eggs, cheese, salad dressings, and croutons for the salad bar. We offer, lettuce, salad tomatoes, mushrooms, eggs, cucumbers, cheese, and croutons on the salad bar. Any of these that are donated, save our having to buy them and leaves more profits for the cats. **Fourth**, we need help setting up and/or tearing down the tables and working the auction and dinner. We need servers for the serving line, table cleaners, etc. for the dinner and table monitors for the auction portion. For those who have done these tasks before, you will certainly understand the number of volunteers we will need for these tasks. Please contact us with the phone number at the end of the newsletter to offer your assistance.

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

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

determine a more expeditious method of providing the winners of gift cards with their certificates or cards. You will have a great time and a delicious meal.

Monthly Supply List

Over the years you have been so generous to donate supply items to satisfy our needs and save the funds for other purposes for the cats. Of course, any of these items can be donated any month as we use them throughout the year. The items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange to collect them from you. We truly appreciate your support of this requirement.

April	Wipes (Clorox or Lysol)
May	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
June	Postage Stamps
July	Pine Cleaner
August	Wipes (Clorox or Lysol)
September	Sisal* (3/8 inch)
October	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2017 Cat Calendars

*Available at Home Depot. **No longer available at Lowe's.**

Past Fund Raisers

The two fund raisers since the last newsletter were both held on the Saturday before Easter. They were the Easter bake sale and pie sale. For the bake sale we had twenty-six varieties of delicious baked goods including cookies, candy, cupcakes, a bunny cake, and bunny nests made of pretzels dipped in chocolate with "Peeps." Our one baker, who now lives in Tennessee, again provided baked goods. She met another volunteer in Kentucky to transport the baked goods to our sale. In addition, a few other bakers contributed yummy items. The bake sale made six hundred and fifty dollars for the cats. We thank everyone who baked for this sale, all of our wonderful supporters who purchased baked goods, and the generous volunteer who drove to Kentucky to get them.

The pie sale also contributed funds to the cats. We sold sixty-nine pies at a profit of one hundred and seventy-five dollars. We thank Mehaffies Pies for allowing us to sell their delicious pies to our supporters and make money for the cats.

Current Fund Raisers

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

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 eighteen thousand dollars.

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 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, but are less expensive than in the pet stores.. You can choose the color of carpet. The cats will have many hours of fun climbing on the trees. For every piece that he builds, he donates thirty dollars to the cats of The Tenth Life.

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, 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. All shirts are adorned with The Tenth Life logo.

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

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 Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards would make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends or are great for all of your notes to your friends. There are ten cards and envelopes in a package for five dollars. Of course there is a cat on the face of the card and the inside is blank.

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

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

In June we plan to again attend the Yellow Springs Street Fair on June 11th from 9:00am-5:00pm. We will have our normal array of cat-related items for your buying pleasure. See you there, across the street from Speedway.

Please do not forget the lasagna dinner and auction. We need your support, and you will have a great time, eat a delicious meal, and get some super bargains from the auction.

On September 10th and 11th, we will be participating in the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival. We have been accepted and assume that we will again be located in front of McDonald's on Dayton Xenia Road. It runs from 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and from 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. We will have all of our fantastic cat related items for your shopping convenience. See you there.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies, paper towels, Clorox wipes, etc. This saves us dollars from the general fund for other important purposes.

The Paw Points can be found on the bag or box of Fresh Step Litter. The code is ten characters, but is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag or box with the code and mail it to our post office box. **Please be sure to cut off the entire code.** These points allow us to obtain free litter for the cats.

The pennies can be wrapped or not. We are thrilled to get them either way. When you donate them to the cats you do not have to carry them in your pocket or in your purse. Pennies do add up and eventually turn into dollars for the cats' needs.

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, and we do not recycle them. 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:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday (937) 376-5550

3:00-6:00pm Friday

10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday

12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

Phone Number:

Address

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

Website:

thetenthlife.org

Please spay or neuter. Kitten season is here.

SPAY/NEUTER FACTS

All pets should be surgically spayed/neutered for many reasons. In addition to improved health and behavior resulting from this surgery, you will be doing your part to reduce unwanted pet population. Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized each year because good homes are limited.

Benefits of spaying/neutering

Females

Prevents signs of heat
Prevents blood stains on carpet from heat cycle
Decreases chance of breast tumors
Eliminates chance of cystic ovaries
Eliminates chance of uterine infections
Prevents breast development (if done early)
No unwanted pregnancies or offspring

Males

Prostrate cancer incidence decreased
Testicular disease eliminated
Decreases desire to roam
Eliminates odor of tom cat urine
Decreases aggression
Prevents spraying and marking
Eliminates undesirable sexual behavior

- Your pet will NOT get fat or lazy because of this surgery. Diet exercise and heredity have much more influence on the weight and attitude of your pet.
- Surgery is recommended when the pet is about four months of age, but it can be done at any age.
- It is much easier on your pet to be spayed before going through a heat cycle due to the smaller size of the reproductive tract.
- Surgery is performed painlessly while your pet is under general anesthesia. Surgical risk is minimal. Most pets go home the same day. Post-surgical pain is minimal.



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