

Sandbox Gazette

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Three more months have passed, and it is time for another edition of The Sandbox Gazette. In this newsletter we will show the calendar of upcoming events, update you on previous feature cats and introduce new ones, give a heartwarming story about a cat from The Tenth Life, present eulogies for three of our longtime residents of The Tenth Life, provide exciting news, supply information about flea control, renew the information about our search for a new veterinarian, give the status of the 2016 three-dollar campaign, reissue all the details for the annual lasagna dinner and auction (see the flyer on the back page), inform you about the change to the Meijer Community Rewards Program, offer the monthly supply donation list, report about the past, current and future fund raisers, and declare some reminders.

Calendar of Events

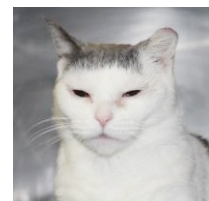
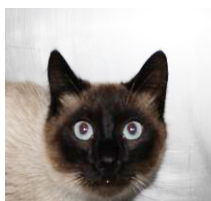
Please mark your calendars for these important dates for The Tenth Life.

Three-Dollar Campaign	Now
Annual Lasagna Dinner & Auction	Aug. 21 st
2017 Entertainment Books	Late Summer
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept. 10 th /11 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct. 8 th

Feature Cats

We are so happy to announce that Denise from the January newsletter has now been adopted with another cat from The Tenth Life. They have a loving “Mom and Dad” and enjoy chasing each other through the house. They are best friends even though they did not know each other at The Tenth Life. We are extremely happy for both of them and, of course, for their new parents.

From the last newsletter Shelly and Leonard have not been adopted, but Archie has been adopted to a couple and is enjoying his new life as a spoiled, only cat. He loves to play and be loved. He is a lucky kitty.



Our new feature cats are Tonka, a handsome Siamese mix and Twinkle, a very sweet mostly white female. Tonka was a stray in a colony of cats. There were five Siamese and one tiger. They were all semi-feral, but most could be touched. Tonka is the friendliest and loves to give head bumps. He is about two years old and a very loving cat. He gets along well with other cats and loves to play.

Our second cat is Twinkle. She is about the same age. She has a few gray spots on her body, but is mostly white. She loves to play, but her favorite pastime is sitting on laps. She loves to be cuddled. Twinkle literally purrs constantly when receiving attention.

The adoption fee is seventy-five dollars. All the cats are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, blood tested for viruses and microchipped. If you would like to see either of these cats or any others at The Tenth Life, please call the number at the end of the newsletter for an appointment.

Heart-Warming Story

Our story for this newsletter is about a cat named Benny. He had lived at The Tenth Life for most of his life. He was a handsome cat, but was born feral and was

still shy when people visited his room unless he knew them. A couple came looking for a declawed cat as a friend for their female cat at home. They saw Benny and liked him, but he was under a bench peeking out at them. The husband sat on the floor, and in a couple of minutes, Benny cautiously came out for petting. He loved the attention and won a home of his own. His new sister did not like him at first but now they are inseparable. He hid for a while, but started coming out to view his new surroundings. His new "Mom" has sent several videos of his adventures around the house. He has started jumping onto laps, but is still too shy to stay for very long. He has made such remarkable improvements. His parents love him so much and are so thrilled to have him as their new family member.

Eulogies

Since late last year, we have lost three of our elderly cats that lived in the health care facility. We lost Buford, the large, loving, black cat, Andre, the gray and white boy, and Inigo, the three-legged boy. Buford died of cancer, Andre died of renal failure, and Inigo, who was diabetic, passed away unexpectedly. Buford, who was fifteen, had multiple intestinal cancers and had lost weight. He was one of the sweetest, most laid-back cats. He loved everyone and loved to be held on his back like a baby. He would pat your face with his front paws. He was so gentle with the other cats. Buford was a very special boy!!

Andre, was also about fifteen, and was a great cat with an ornery streak. If a door was shut, he had to run into that room as soon as it was opened. Andre played with other cats and would cuddle with them for long naps. He loved to sleep on the surgery table, when not in use, and get warm from the surgery light. He was best friends with Dr. Jennie. They had a special bond. Andre would get on the autoclave to sleep or watch out the window. More than once we caught him sleeping while still setting upright. He had arrived as a kitten with a broken hip. Dr. Jennie removed the ball from the hip socket, and he was as good as new. He almost never limped unless he was really tired from his busy day. Andre was another very special boy.

Inigo was our original health care facility cat. He was found at the age of about three months with a broken and paralyzed front leg. The leg could not be saved and was amputated by Dr. Jennie. We were in the process of building our health care facility and decided that he would be our cat for that facility. The year was 1999. When the building was completed, he moved in and remained until May 2016. He was to be a donor cat for blood transfusions, but he decided that he did not like the job and refused to share his blood. We kept him in the facility anyway because he was such a sweet-tempered, great cat. He loved everyone whether you were a person or a cat. He had become diabetic a few years ago, but was pretty well controlled the entire time. He was sleeping more but most cats his age do that. Even the night before he died, he was acting completely normal and asking for attention. I even told him he was a perfect cat, so well-behaved and so loving. It was a total shock to find, upon our arrival, that he had passed away. He was seventeen and very loved.

We truly miss our three special friends who had been with us for many years. They enriched our lives, made us laugh, and made us very grateful to have known and loved them.

Exciting News

We had wanted for a long time to purchase a digital x-ray system. For many years the price was so prohibitive that we had to wait to make the purchase. With technologies advancing so quickly, and prices being reduced accordingly, we thought that in the near future, we would be able to possibly make the purchase. As time passed, our existing system had become so inadequate that the x-rays were difficult to read. We knew that we would need to make the purchase sooner than we had anticipated. When we talked to our equipment representative, he promised to try to find a special deal for us. As it was the end of their fiscal year, they were in a position to make a better price offer to us. We saved over ten percent on the purchase with a three-month delay for paying for the system. This enabled us to purchase the digital system now so that we can have high-quality readable x-rays for the doctor.

Flea Control

Flea season is in full swing. With the hot, humid weather that we have been having, fleas are everywhere. It is important for your cat and for you to stay ahead of the fleas. There are many products available over the counter, but unfortunately, too many of them are ineffective and dangerous for your cat. The only really reliable and safe product for cats available over the counter is **Advantage, which is only for flea control**. The products that we use and are effective are only available from veterinarians. They are **Revolution** or **Advantage Multi Cat**. Both of these products, not only are for flea control, but also for treatment and control of ear mites and round worms, and prevention of heartworm disease. Both are monthly treatments and can be used for kittens over nine weeks and adult cats. They not only kill adult fleas but prevent flea eggs from hatching for one month. These products are applied topically. We suggest applying the treatment on the back of the head rather than at the shoulder blades to prevent the cat from licking the spot and ingesting the solution. It is not considered dangerous for the cat to lick the application spot; however, the cat will likely begin drooling if it does lick the spot.

If fleas are not prevented or eradicated from your cat, the cat may become anemic from the fleas. The fleas live by sucking your cat's blood. Anemia can lead to many problems for your cat, such as lethargy and make your cat more susceptible to other illnesses. The immune system of the cat will be weakened. Some pets are very allergic to fleas and will lick their fur causing bald spots which will require more treatment.

If fleas get into your house, they can cause many problems for you and be difficult to get under control. If fleas get into your carpet, you will need to vacuum often and remove the bag immediately. The fleas can live in the vacuum bag and reproduce. You will have an infestation almost immediately. Before you vacuum, you can sprinkle **Sevin Garden Dust** on the carpet and vacuum it up when you run the sweeper. It is effective for killing fleas. Many people are allergic to fleas and will develop a rash from the flea bites. Prevention of fleas is very important for both your cat and for you.

Search for a New Veterinarian

Our search for a new veterinarian continues. The doctor who has been helping us one day every other week, will soon be leaving permanently. She is moving out of state, and we will not have a veterinarian to help us at all. We have a desperate need to find a veterinarian immediately. We have interviewed another applicant and would be excited to have her as a member of our organization. She has several years of experience and seems extremely qualified. However, she has a couple of other interviews before she makes a decision. We share the same philosophies about cats and their needs. We still have our ads running and will continue looking for a new doctor to take care of the cats of The Tenth Life if she does not accept our offer.

Status of the Three Dollar Campaign

We have already received ten thousand four hundred dollars for this campaign. We thank everyone who has already contributed. This is a wonderful amount, but the cats would love to have more to satisfy their needs. Last year the final total was over eighteen thousand dollars. This is the easiest fund raiser for us and also the most profitable. This is the same amount of profit for the cats as the dinner and auction and much easier for the volunteers. If you have not made your donation to this fund, please do so and make the cats very happy. Three dollars is such a small amount, but when added to all of the other three dollars, it truly makes up a tremendous total. Many send three dollars, but many send more than three dollars. Of course, any amount that you can send is a huge help to the needs of the cats. We do not want to put a financial burden on anyone and that is why we only ask for three dollars. Please send your donation today to avoid forgetting. The cats are counting on you for help. We would love for this year to be as good as or better than 2015. The cats say thank you.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

We are still making the final plans 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 the VFW Post 8312 at 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. 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 have a bake sale as part of the event.** It will feature cake(s), cookies, and other treats to tempt your senses. We will need more bakers to help us with the sale. Our main baker who moved to Tennessee will not be able to help with this bake sale because of other obligations. If you can help, we would really appreciate your support. The bake goods can be brought to the VFW on Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm or on Sunday from 10:00am - 1:00pm. We will also need baked goods for the dessert table for the dinner. Thanks for your help.

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 profit 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. We will need at least forty volunteers to accomplish all the tasks associated with the event. More would be even better. It will only take about four hours out of your schedule to work the event. 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** as the fees are simply too expensive and reduce the profits for the cats.

We plan to do the checkout the same as last year. It seemed to work better than any other year. Tables will begin closing at 3:15pm. After we close a few tables, customers who had winning bids on those tables only may check out, and we will 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. See you there!!!

Meijer Community Rewards Program

We have been informed that Meijer has discontinued their Community Rewards Program effective June 30th. The Community Rewards Program was never very profitable for The Tenth Life. We only received about one hundred dollars every quarter. The problem with that program was that you had to use cash, check, or their credit card for your purchase to count for your charity. For people who used any credit card, other than Meijer's, their purchase did not add to the contribution to the charity.

They are offering a gift card program as an alternative to this program. We had been promised information on this program prior to the discontinuation of the Rewards Program, however, we have not received any information. When we know more about this program, we will decide if it will be beneficial to The Tenth Life, and notify you accordingly.

Monthly Supply Donations

The list of supplies that can be donated is provided below. Your donations of these items save us money and time. Any of the items can be brought in 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.

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

There have been two fund raisers since the last newsletter. The first was the annual plant sale. We sold

almost twenty-eight thousand dollars of annual bedding plants, hanging baskets, flowering and patio pots, herbs, vegetables, and perennials. All the plants were sold. The sale produced nearly eleven thousand dollars of income for the cats. As always, the plants were large, beautiful, and healthy and were provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center. We thank them for working with us again for this sale. This year's sale was again the largest and most profitable. We exceeded last year's sale by about eleven hundred dollars. With your help, we should be able to make the next sale even larger. We thank all of our customers, whether you preordered or bought from our extras, for making this a huge success for the cats. Our volunteers worked so hard sorting and checking the orders. We thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to the cats. Hope to see all of you at the next sale. Please remember to tell your friends and family about the plant sale.

The second fund raiser during this period was our participation in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. We thank the village for allowing us to participate in this event. Our sales were lower this year than in previous years. We made six hundred and eighty dollars for the cats, but last year our sales were about three hundred higher. The weather was extremely hot, and the crowd seemed to be smaller, probably because of the temperature. We think the weather was the main factor for the reduced sales. We thank our volunteers who worked in the heat and helped the customers. We appreciate all of our customers who made purchases and helped the cats. We plan to be at Street Fair in October.

Current Fund Raisers

We are still saving for the burglar alarm system. One individual made a sizable donation to this fund which should allow us to acquire the system sooner than anticipated. We are excited about this possibility. The system will provide security for the cats and peace of mind for the rest of us. We are still investigating different systems and are weighing the pros and cons of each system. Many of the systems that are available cannot accommodate our facility because of our size. We will find the best system for the cats. One of the

options that the alarm companies offer is fire alert monitoring. The quotations we have gotten from these alarm companies are extremely prohibitive. Nearly three times the cost of the burglar alarm system alone. As much as we would like to have that coverage, it is currently beyond our reach. We will continue to negotiate with these businesses to see if it can be added later when we have accumulated enough cash to add the fire coverage. Thanks for helping.

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. You can choose the color of carpet that you prefer. You and your cats will be thrilled. 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.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, birds, fish, octopi (\$3.00), snakes (\$4.00), 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). We have a new catnip toy. It is a teddy bear. As the volunteer who designed the toy said, "What kitty would not want his or her own teddy bear?" They come in a variety of colors and are adorable. The legs and arms of the bear make it easy for the cat to carry the toy around in his or her mouth. The teddy bears are priced at \$6.00.

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 for five dollars in a package. Of course there is a cat on the face of the card and the inside is blank. The entire front of the card is the cat face. You will not see another note card like it, as it is an original design.

These items also 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**. We know that you will love any of these items.

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

Future Fund Raisers

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 9:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and from 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. We will have all of our fantastic related items for your shopping convenience. See you there.

Our artist who has designed our holiday cards for the last few years is busy designing our 2016 original Christmas card. Of course it will feature a cat on the front with a holiday greeting on the inside. There will be ten cards and envelopes in a package and will sell for five dollars.

Reminders

Please remember that kitten season is still on-going. Encourage everyone to spay/neuter their cats. It is the only answer to this horrible problem. Please offer your assistance, in any way that you can, to help people have their cats spayed/neutered. Remember the low-cost programs available in our area.

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 more 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.**

The pennies can be wrapped or not. We are thrilled to get them either way. 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
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday
12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

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thetenthlife.org

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

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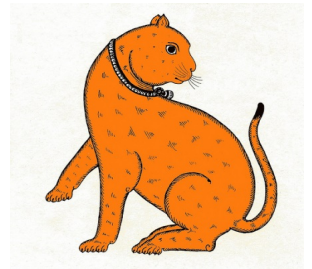
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At No-Kill Shelter Housing 500 Cats & Kittens

August 21st, 2 PM-5:30 PM

At VFW Post 8312

2389 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver creek

Lasagna Dinner* - \$10.00

Salad Only - \$6.00

Soft Drinks/Water Available

HUGE Silent Auction

More Info: (937) 376-5550

*Available with or without meat

