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The last newsletter for 2016 has arrived. In this edition, we will display the calendar of events, advise you about the previous feature cats and offer new ones, present a heartwarming story about a cat adopted from The Tenth Life, provide eulogies for two long-time residents of The Tenth Life, tell you about a sad occurrence, enlighten you about an honor The Tenth Life received, discuss the Meijer Gift Card Program, inform you about our continued search for a new veterinarian, announce the status of the three-dollar campaign, propose the cats' Holiday Wish List, suggest gift ideas for your cat-loving friends, show the new Christmas card, supply the order blanks for the holiday pies and greenery and plant sales, notify you about the holiday bazaars, bake sale and pictures with Santa, offer the supply donation list, give details of the past, current and future fund raisers, and list reminders.

Calendar of Events

The following are the important dates of activities of The Tenth Life for the remainder of 2016. Please mark your calendars to avoid missing any of the events.

Three-Dollar Campaign	Now
Entertainment Books (\$30.00)	Now
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct. 8 th
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 5 th
Greenery and Plant Orders Due	Nov 12 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pick-up	Nov 19 th
Greenery and Plant Pick-up	Nov 26 th
First Bazaar at The Tenth Life	Nov 26 th
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 3 rd
Pictures with Santa	Dec 10 th & 11 th
Holiday Bake Sale & Pie Pick-up	Dec 17 th
Second Bazaar at The Tenth Life	Dec 17 th
Pictures with Santa	Dec 17 th & 18 th

Feature Cats

We are so happy to tell you that both of the cats in the last newsletter, Tonka and Twinkle, have been adopted. They are both very happy and very loved in their new families. We are thrilled for both of them and their new families.



Our new feature cats are Junior, Rose, Pineapple, and Holly. Junior is a six-year old, short-hair tiger, neutered male. His owner died, and he and his sister needed a home. He gets along well with other cats since he was in a multi-cat household. Junior loves to be held, cuddled, and rub around your legs to be with you.

Rose is a long-hair tiger-tortie girl who is about two years old and spayed. She arrived with her kitten who looks very much like her. She greets visitors to her room and gets along great with her roommates. Rose loves to bump heads with other cats in her room. She also enjoys being petted and sitting on laps for extra attention.

Pineapple is an orange tiger, short-hair female who arrived with her kittens. The kittens have been adopted, but she needs a loving home. She is fine with other cats and also loves attention. Pineapple has very different markings. She has dark shadowing around her ears. We think she was supposed to be a calico, but she did not turn out that way. She is a very pretty girl.

Holly is a two-year old tiger girl. She is a fairly small cat. Holly loves to cuddle with the other cats in her room and be petted by visitors. Her favorite pastime is watching outside critters scurry around the yard.

All of these cats, in addition to all the cats at The Tenth Life, are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, blood tested for viruses, and microchipped. The adoption fee is seventy-five dollars. Any of these would be a wonderful addition to your family. Please call for an appointment.

Heart-Warming Story

Our story for this newsletter is about two kittens named Minnie and Gunnar. About three months ago, a lady called needing emergency help for a kitten who had been abused and thrown into a woods. Because the kitten was injured, we accepted her. She had suffered head trauma and was bleeding in her mouth. She was pretty much unconscious when she arrived. We stabilized her for the night, and allowed her to rest in the incubator. The next morning the veterinarian who was helping us examined her and agreed she had had trauma to her head. She was at least alert by this time. We worked with her and kept her caged for her recovery. If she tried to walk, she would walk in a circle and lose her balance because her legs were wobbly. After about a week of rest, she was doing much better. Minnie was pretty much back to being a normal kitten. Just a week later, we had a call about a six week old kitten whose tail had been cut off at the body. Also an emergency, we accepted him. When he arrived his rear was badly swollen and crusty. Luckily the veterinarian was still with us and cleaned and sutured his wound. We were very concerned that he would not be able to pass urine or stool on his own. Luckily, there was no nerve or muscle damage, and he could eliminate without help. After he recovered, he and Minnie became friends since they were close to the same age. They loved to wrestle and snuggle. A sister of one of our volunteers decided to adopt the two of them. They are now in a loving home with a "Mom and Dad" who love them. We are very happy for them since they had horrendous beginnings.

Eulogies

Since the last newsletter, two more of our long-time residents have passed away. Cooper, our golden retriever, who was twelve years old, had died over night

and was found when we arrived. He was a little slower than he had been, but was not showing any signs that suggested he was about to die. He was a loving, gentle dog who never met a stranger and who loved his friend Joe Boxer. They were such wonderful friends and kept each other company for ten years. We are watching Joe to see how he is doing by himself. If he seems lonely, we will have to adopt an older dog as a friend. For now, we are waiting and observing. Cooper had belonged next door, but when the people moved they left him behind. He came here and stayed for the rest of his life. We all loved him and miss him so much. He was a special boy.

About two weeks later, we lost Gladys, our Cornish Rex, who lived in the health care facility. She was sixteen and had been with us for fifteen years. She had belonged to people who bought her from a breeder. She was diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, and the owners were going to ship her back to the breeder who would have put her to death because she was of no use to them. The veterinarian contacted The Tenth Life, and she came here to live. We did not place her because of her physical problem, and decided to keep her as one of the "welcome committee" in the health care facility. She did her job very well, and everyone loved her although she did surprise many people when she launched herself onto their shoulders. She wanted constant attention and loved to be kept warm. Gladys slept under a blanket and loved it. She also loved to sleep on top of the autoclave when it was running because it was so warm. There will never be another Gladys. She was very special.

A Very Sad Occurrence

A few weeks ago, a volunteer arrived at The Tenth Life and saw an opened cardboard carrier sitting inside the gate. She glanced out on the road and saw the lifeless body of a half-grown black kitten that had been hit and killed. We are sure that the thoughtless person felt that they were doing the right thing by dumping the kitten at The Tenth Life where it would be found and loved. However, by dropping the carrier over the gate it must have popped open and the kitten ran into the road and was killed. What a horrible outcome for the helpless kitten that only wanted to live and be loved! We beg

people not to dump cats at The Tenth Life, but because it solves their problem, they do it. This is the exact reason that we do not publicize our address. It is not because we do not want to help the cats, but because we are housing as many as we can comfortably do without jeopardizing the health of the ones that we have. Again we beg people to not dump cats here or anywhere else, because too often this is the outcome for the poor, defenseless cat. Please pass the word how inhumane it is to dump pets.

An Honor Bestowed on The Tenth Life

We were contacted several months ago by a British Animal Behaviorist who is a lecturer at a British university. She and her assistant asked to visit The Tenth Life to observe cats in a shelter environment. We enthusiastically accepted their offer. They visited from August 28th to September 2nd for about four to five hours each day. Two of us from The Tenth Life assisted them with their observations. Each day we observed four cats at four different times. The first three visits were from outside the room observing through the window. The last visit was observing them from inside the rooms. We evaluated each cat on their appearance, their level of relaxation or fear, their interaction with the observer and many other facets. It was truly interesting to observe the cats, but also interacting with the British behaviorists was an enjoyable experience. They were so cordial and also very interesting to learn of their experiences working with the animals. They are visiting six locations in the United Kingdom, one in China, one in the Philippines, and only two in the states. We were very fortunate to be chosen as one of their sites. The final report will be published in about one year. We will receive a copy.

.Meijer Gift Card Program

As we told you in the last newsletter, when Meijer stopped the Community Rewards Program, they began offering a new program where the charity can purchase gift cards at a small discount to sell to their supporters; however, the charity must purchase hundreds of dollars of cards to participate in the program. We do not feel that this program offers The Tenth Life much

opportunity for profit. Unless they change the program we will not be participating in their gift card program.

Search for a Veterinarian

Our search for a veterinarian continues. We have interviewed a couple more doctors and had great hopes for one of them. However, we found that we had some philosophical differences of opinion that could not be overcome. Her experience was outstanding but unfortunately she was not a great fit for The Tenth Life. We continue our search and are very hopeful that we will find a wonderful doctor for the cats of The Tenth Life.

Status of the Three-Dollar Campaign

The three-dollar campaign continues. We currently have earned fourteen thousand, six hundred dollars for the cats through this campaign. We will continue the campaign for a short time. If you have not donated, please do so and help the cats. Every penny counts and is appreciated by the cats and the volunteers. No donation is too small. We ask for such a small amount so that everyone can afford to donate and not put a burden on their budget. Please send your donation today.

Holiday Wish List

The cats have been working to develop their holiday wish list. The list is pretty much the same as last year. Their wishes include donations to the general fund, donations to the alarm system fund, more volunteers, more sponsors for the cats, and donations of supplies. Donations to any of these areas are extremely helpful.

Donations to the general fund are used for the day-to-day operation of The Tenth Life. These are the funds that keep The Tenth Life operating. Any amount is great.

We are continuing to save for the alarm system for the entire facility. We are hopeful that after the holiday donations are received, we can proceed with the installation of the system. An alarm system is so

important for the safety of the cats especially during our closed hours. The system will also provide the volunteers and staff with more peace of mind about the security of the cats. If you donate to the alarm system please note this on your check.

Every year the cats ask for more volunteers to care for them. They know that with more volunteers, all of the volunteers will have more time to pet, comb, and love them. They have this all figured out among themselves. We know that they hold meetings at night to come to these conclusions. The volunteers keep their rooms nice for them which make them very happy and content. After the volunteers, scoop their litter boxes, change their water bowls, add food, sweep their floors, and add clean linens to the furniture, they are proud of their rooms, and they know then the volunteers have time for playing and petting. Would you like to be part of their master plan for clean rooms and lots of attention?

Next on their wish list is for more of the cats to have sponsors. For ten dollars per month, you can sponsor a cat and enrich his or her life. In the beginning you will receive a picture of the cat plus a letter from the cat telling you all about life at The Tenth Life. You will receive a letter about every six months until the cat is adopted. Unfortunately, at the present time, the letters are late. The cats do their letters, but the typist is the one running behind, not the cats. When the cat is adopted, you will receive an offer to sponsor another cat. You can choose your own cat with a visit to The Tenth Life or we can choose one for you based on your preferences. This is a great way to help a cat feel more loved and special.

The donation of supplies is another huge help to the cats. It saves money from the general fund and saves shopping time that can be used to help the cats in other ways. Items that can be donated include: rubber-back rugs, Friskies, Iams, and Fancy Feast canned food, pine cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper, 2017 cat calendars, etc. Your donations can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange for pick-up.

Please remember all of these donations are tax deductible. We will gladly send you a letter of

appreciation for your donations. You are helping so much with these donations. The cats send a huge thank you to everyone who contributes.

Gift Suggestions for Your Cat-Loving Friends

We know how hard it can be to develop gift ideas for people who love cats. We can offer some solutions with this problem. (1) If your friend loves flowers, a gift certificate for our flower sale would be a great gift. We can make the certificate for any amount. When the flowers arrive, your friend can come and make his or her own selection of flowers. (2) For your friends who love baked goods, a gift certificate to our holiday bake sales would be a tasty, sweet gift. You can specify the amount, and your friend can choose the baked goods that appeal to him or her. You will be a star with this thoughtful gift idea. (3) We have a huge selection of The Tenth Life apparel. There are short and long sleeve t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts in a huge variety of colors. (See the prices and the full selection of colors and sizes in the current fund raisers section of this newsletter.) (4) Sponsor a cat in the name of your friend. This is the perfect gift for the person who has everything, needs nothing, and loves cats. We will send a letter explaining the sponsorship with a picture of the cat. Your friend will be honored. (5) We have our note cards (\$5.00 for ten cards and envelopes) which have a cat's face on the front and are blank on the inside for personal notes. (6) Making a donation to The Tenth Life in the name of your friend is a thoughtful gift. We will send a letter to the honoree telling him or her of your gift (not amount) on holiday stationary. Your friend will be honored and will not have an unwanted gift sitting on a shelf collecting dust. (Finally) A great gift for cats on your list is any of our catnip toys. The complete list is in the current fund raisers section of this newsletter. They are filled with catnip and are favorites of all cats. You will be loved by all the cats on your list. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated by the recipients for your thoughtfulness.

We can ship any of these items to you, your friend or your family member for an additional charge for shipping. Please see the shipping chart in the current fund raiser section.

Christmas Card for 2016

The new original-design Christmas card is shown below. As you can see it is adorable and such a normal depiction of cat behavior with the cat caught in the lights from the tree. This is one of the cutest cards we have had. The same artist designed this card who has done our cards for the last few years. His artwork is amazing. We thank him for his help and support.



Holiday Pies

The order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pies is included in this newsletter. The pies are from Mehaffie's Pie Peddler. The prices have not changed. They are nine dollars for the regular pies and ten dollars for the special pies. We need your order for Thanksgiving pies by November 5th for pick-up on November 19th. For Christmas pies, the orders are needed by December 3rd and the pies will be available on December 17th. Please send payment with your orders. For everyone who has purchased these pies, you know they are delicious. If you have not had these pies, you are missing a real treat. In addition, you can save many hours of preparation and help the cats. With these pies you can have different flavors to offer your family and friends a nice variety. We will have extras available, but we may not have all flavors. Pre-ordering is the best.

Greenery and Plant Sale

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, you will want to think about your holiday greenery and plant needs. We are again offering wreaths and roping and Christmas plants. The wreaths and roping are coming from the same supplier, and the plants are from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The order blank is in this newsletter. Please refer to it for types and sizes of

wreaths and plants and their respective prices. Also on the order blank is the white pine roping sold by the foot. Please send your order with payment to The Tenth Life by November 12th. As always, we will have extras available, but for the best selection and availability, please preorder. The wreaths, roping and plants will be available for pick-up on November 26th after 10:00am.

Holiday Bazaars

On November 26th, we will also have the first of our two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life. We will have our selection of apparel, catnip toys, Christmas and note cards, collectibles, Entertainment Books, etc. The bazaar will be from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The second bazaar will be the same hours on December 17th. You can do some of your holiday shopping at The Tenth Life and help the cats at the same time. We will see you at the bazaars.

Holiday Bake Sale

Also on December 17th, will be the holiday bake sale. We usually have about fifty to sixty varieties of delicious cookies, cup cakes, and candy. Of course, any one who wants to bake for the sale will be appreciated. The more varieties we have, the better for our customers and our sales. The baked goods can be brought to The Tenth Life from 3:00-6:00pm on Friday or on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00am. You make your selection and make a donation so that you pay what you feel is a fair price.

Pet Pictures with Santa

This year The Tenth Life will again be doing pictures with Santa at Pet Supplies Plus in Centerville, Kettering, and Beavercreek. We do this on the two weekends before Christmas. This year it will be December 10th and 11th and December 17th and 18th at all three stores. The hours will be 10:00am-4:00pm on Saturday and from noon to 4:00 on Sunday. The cost is ten dollars per picture, and the pictures are 4"x 6". The picture will be in a portrait frame. If you are interested in being Santa or his helper, who takes the pictures, please contact us. See

you at Pet Supplies Plus for your holiday pet pictures. All proceeds benefit the cats and Joe Boxer.

Supply Donations

The monthly list of supply donations is provided below. Your donations of these items are appreciated.

October	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2017 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

There have been two fund raisers since the last newsletter. The first was the lasagna dinner and auction. This was the most profitable event The Tenth Life has had. We raised twenty-two thousand six hundred dollars. There were forty-eight tables of silent auction items, including five tables of gift cards. We still have a few gift cards remaining. If you are interested, you can call us. Also, we had a huge bake sale which contributed over six hundred dollars. We had the most delicious baked goods and the best variety. So many supporters baked for the event! We appreciate the help of everyone.

The turnout was fantastic, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event. One couple, who has helped with the solicitation of items for years, was responsible for obtaining a huge part of the items that we offered. The Tenth Life thanks them for all of their hard work. They worked all year to make the auction selection so huge. Many of the auction items were donated by supporters, and we appreciate their support and help as well.

The fantastic dinner was again catered by Belmont Catering. The total salad bar and bread sticks were donated by Longhorn Steakhouse, Fazoli's and LaRosa's. We thank them for their support of our event.

We owe a huge thank you to three groups. The first is the contributors of auction merchandise. We had contributions from four hundred and forty merchants and individuals. The generosity from all of these contributors

is remarkable. Secondly, we thank the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event successful. Many hours went into the event, and all of it was accomplished by hard working volunteers who care so much about the welfare of the cats. Finally, we thank everyone who attended the event and made purchases. Thanks to all.

The second fund raiser during this period was our participation in the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival. We really enjoyed meeting and talking with all of the visitors to our booth. We made over sixteen hundred dollars for the cats, which was about two hundred dollars less than last year. A strong storm cut the event short on Saturday.

Current Fund Raisers

Please continue saving your Speedy Rewards for The Tenth Life. You can transfer your points 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 visa cards for supplies.

If you shop on Amazon, remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. Sign into **Amazon Smile before making your purchase**, and Amazon will send a donation of half of one percent for the purchase.

The cat furniture built by a volunteer is available. We have a book showing the different designs. The trees have a large base for stability and are constructed of PVC or wood covered with carpet. The posts can be covered with carpet or sisal. Prices vary by height and style. For each tree, he donates \$30.00 to our cats.

We have our 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, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, light steel, pebble, khaki, olive, and medium blue. The long sleeve t-shirts come in bright red, natural, stonewashed blue and green, maroon, smoke gray, deep royal blue, ash, and purple. The polo shirts come in steel gray,



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- THE TENTH LIFE WILL HAVE TWO TYPES OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS FOR SALE .
- NOBLE FIR (16" OR 30" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A VERY SYMMETRICAL SHORT- NEEDED FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW).
- MIXED WESTERN (16", 22" OR 30 " OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A SHORT AND LONG NEEDLE FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW AND PINE CONES).
- OTHER SIZES OF WREATHS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. CALL (937) 376-5550 FOR PRICES.
- WE HAVE WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- WE HAVE THE CYCLAMEN AND CHRISTMAS CACTUS IN 4" AND 6" POTS. AND IN 8" HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 12, 2016 THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2016.
- TO ORDER, USE THE FORM BELOW TO INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH YOU WOULD LIKE.
- **PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER.**

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_____ 16" NOBLE FIR @ \$17.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 30 " NOBLE FIR @ \$27.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 16" MIXED WESTERN @ \$17.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$21.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$27.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.75 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS(6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____