

Sandbox Gazette

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Summer has arrived and so has another edition of The Sandbox Gazette. In this edition we will show the calendar of events, update you on the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, offer a heartwarming story about a cat adopted from The Tenth Life, stress the importance of microchipping your cats, request more volunteers, suggest ways of donating to The Tenth Life, alert you to a sweepstake from the Bissell Foundation,, inform you about a pleasant visit to a local industry, give the status of the three-dollar campaign, display the monthly supply donations, tell you the final details about the lasagna dinner and auction, notify you of the results of the last Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way drives, enlighten you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and note some reminders.

Calendar of Events

The important dates for The Tenth Life for the next several months are shown below. Please remember these dates and mark your calendars.

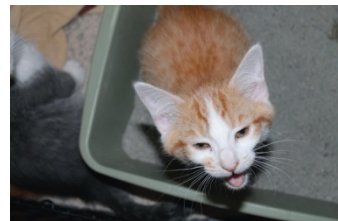
Three-Dollar Campaign	Now
United Way Begins	Aug 3 rd
Last Day for Donations to Auction	Aug 19 th
Annual Lasagna Dinner & Auction	Aug 26 th
Entertainment Books Available	Sept
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept 8 th & 9 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 13 th
CFC Begins	Oct

Feature Cats

We are so pleased to tell you that Panda and Cinnabon and Maizy, Cupid, and Val have all found loving homes. Panda and Cinnabon are brothers and were adopted together to a family who had recently lost a young cat to cancer. They had the cat's brother who was lonely by

himself. Now they are a three-cat family and are all very happy together. The three littermates featured in the last newsletter were also adopted together by a single lady who had recently moved to the area to be near her family. She had just moved into her new home and was lonely for a cat. She was really only looking for one or two cats but did not want to break up the family of three. They are all living together and are very happy as a family. They are so lucky to be able to stay together and be loved. We are so happy for all of them.

Our new feature cats are a family of four kittens. Their names are John, Paulette, George and Ringo. They are about four months old and are, of course, very cute.



The lady who had them needed to move to a nursing home, but would not leave her cats. She had ten cats, but unfortunately none of them were neutered. Three other females from that home that came to The Tenth Life were already pregnant. The kittens were only about a week old when they arrived with their mother. Unfortunately, the cord was wrapped around one hind foot of two of the kittens, and each lost part of a rear leg. Because they were so young when it happened, they do not realize that they are any different from their litter mates. They get along just fine and can do anything the others can do. The two with the injured rear legs are orange and white and one is a male and one is a female. The other two are tiger and white and gray and white males. They have so much fun playing, running and wrestling. Then they crash and burn to recycle for the next episode. They will win your heart. They are spayed/neutered, tested for viruses, vaccinated, and microchipped. They are waiting for great homes where they can be loved and protected. The adoption fee is only seventy-five dollars. Please call to visit them.

Heartwarming Story

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about Hobbit. He arrived in March with a badly injured front leg that had become very infected. There was bone and muscle exposed. Shortly after he arrived, a friend called to tell us that her eighteen year old cat that she adopted from The Tenth Life had died. As her kitty only had three legs, she wanted to give another three-legged cat a home. She wondered if we had one that was looking for a home. After visiting with Hobbit, she decided he was her new baby even though he had four legs. We continued treating the leg for about three months, but it never healed completely. Finally, the decision was made that the leg would need to be amputated. It was a difficult decision, but we felt there was no choice. He healed quickly and went to his new home about three weeks ago. He is adjusting well to being three-legged and living in a new home with a new family and a dog. He definitely used a few of his nine lives. He is now a happy boy.

As a side note, we checked him for a microchip and found that he had a chip. After contacting the microchip company, we were able to contact Hobbit's owner. He had been a cat that her father had fed outside before he died. She took Hobbit to the vet and had him neutered, declawed, and microchipped. She was keeping him in a separate room to heal from the surgeries, but he was not happy and dug at the carpet. He made his feet bleed so she returned him to the vet, and they bandaged his feet to stop the bleeding. About two days later, he ran out the door, and she could not find him. That was before cold weather started. He had been out a long time with bandaged feet before he arrived at The Tenth Life. When he came to us there was still tape wrapped around the leg with the injury. She was so happy to know about him because she looked for him for a long time with no success. She had worried about him so much, but never knew his whereabouts or how to find him. She even contacted the microchip company to let them know that he was lost. We told her that he had a great home waiting for him. As she had already rescued another cat that her Dad had fed and did not have room, she allowed us to keep Hobbit and place him with our friend. We are so happy that he has a home and is loved.

Importance of Microchipping Your Cat

The story of Hobbit re-emphasizes the importance of having your cat or dog microchipped. The people who had Hobbit and tried to give him a loving home would not have known what happened to him if he had not been microchipped. They always wondered where he went and what became of him. They were always afraid that he had been killed or starved to death. Even though he had a serious injury when he came to The Tenth Life, they were so happy to know that he was alive and healthy. Although they were not in a position to take him back, because of having rescued another homeless cat from the same area, they were thrilled to know that he was being cared for and would have a great home when he was totally recovered. So many cats are lost and never returned to their owner because the person who finds them has no way of knowing how to locate the owner.

Having a cat microchipped is much like a cat getting a vaccination. Your veterinarian can implant the chip in a matter of minutes, and the cost is not prohibitive. Each microchip has a unique code that ties to your pet. There is a tag for you to place on your cat's collar that lets everyone know that the cat has a chip. All veterinarians and shelters have scanners that can locate the chip and show the code. By contacting the microchip company, it is possible to ascertain the owner and return the pet to its home. This is such a better conclusion to a lost pet than never getting back home to its family and possibly be destroyed in too many shelters. Please discuss microchipping with your veterinarian, or call The Tenth Life for more information. You must remember that if you have your pet microchipped, you must register the microchip with the manufacturer to have your information on file and current. Also if you move or change your phone number, you must notify the company to update your information. Please consider this for your pet.

Request for Volunteers

We are still needing volunteers to help with the routine maintenance of the cats' living quarters. We have twenty-seven rooms of cats that need to be cleaned

every day. It takes about nine volunteers each day to clean all of the areas for the cats' comfort. The volunteers scoop litter boxes, feed, water, change linens, and mop floors. The best part is the attention the cats give you while you are cleaning. They like to help you scoop, put their heads in the food and water bowls as you fill them, and jump on the bedding as you change it. They love to trash their rooms overnight so that when the volunteers start coming in for the day, there is always plenty to do to clean the rooms. We call this job security. Most volunteers come once per week and spend as much time as they can spare in their busy schedule. The average time spent is about two hours. Some spend more. We promise that we will not let you take cats home. So many people comment that they would volunteer, but they are afraid that they would take more cats home. We know in other shelters where cats are "put down," people are afraid that a cat will not be there the next time, so they want to take them home. As The Tenth Life is a no-kill facility, you never need to be concerned about this. The cat will still be here unless it is adopted or becomes ill and is being treated in the health care facility. Please consider volunteering and enrich your life and the lives of the cats you help. Please call today to offer your assistance. We work with the volunteers to have a time that works in their schedule and fills a vacancy here. If you have questions about volunteering, please call us and we can answer those questions.

If cleaning the cats' areas is not your idea of fun, there are other volunteer opportunities available. When we have a booth at Street Fair or Popcorn Festival, we need volunteers to man the booth, chat with visitors, make sales and answer questions when possible. If we have a sufficient number of workers, we have the volunteers in shifts to make it less of a burden to each individual. In addition, we need volunteers to help solicit items for the auction, make basket arrangements, work at the dinner and auction, help with cleanup, etc. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call The Tenth Life. The cats would love to have your help.

Volunteering is so rewarding. You may think that you do not have time, but we can always make time for those things important to us.

Ways of Donating

We thought that we would suggest ways of donating to The Tenth Life that you may not have considered. They include gift donations, memorial donations and distributions from IRAs. Many people like to donate to a charity as a gift to a friend or relative who does not need another gift. You can make a donation to The Tenth Life in that person's honor and name, and we will send a letter to that person telling them of your thoughtful gift to the cats. We will not divulge the amount of your gift, but simply tell them of your thoughtfulness. As a contributor, you will also receive an acknowledgement letter for your donation. Your donation can be a deduction to your taxes.

Another way to honor someone is a memorial donation in their memory. This is being done more and more, rather than sending flowers to the funeral home or the grave site. Unfortunately, the flowers do not last, but a donation to The Tenth Life will make a huge difference in the lives of the cats living here. The family will be notified of your memorial donation (not amount), and you will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, if you have reached the age (70 ½) where you must take a qualified distribution from an IRA, you can have this distribution check made payable to The Tenth Life. You will not be taxed on this amount as you would if the distribution was made payable to you. Further, the distribution will serve as a charitable donation for tax purposes. You will save paying the taxes on the amount and will have a nice write-off to your taxable base. This is a win-win situation for you.

If you have a question on any of these ways of donating, please contact The Tenth Life, and we will answer them for you. If we do not have the answers, we will work with our advisors to secure the answers and get back to you. These donations can be made by sending a check to the post office box. We will be expanding our web site to include these ways of donating and tell you how to donate on the web site through Just Giving. You

will be able to use a credit card by going through Just Giving.

Bissell Pet Foundation

The Bissell Pet Foundation, of which we are a member, is currently running a fifty thousand dollar sweepstake for its members through August 1, 2018. For the shelter with the most votes, the prize is thirty thousand dollars. After the drawing for grand prize, there will be random drawings for other prizes. There will two drawings for five thousand dollars, two for twenty-five hundred dollars and five for one thousand dollars. To cast your vote for The Tenth Life go to www.bissellpetfoundation.org/sweepstakes. You are allowed one vote per valid email address. Please vote for The Tenth Life and ask your friends and family to also vote for the cats. It would be wonderful to receive any of the donations. Bissell is a super pet friendly corporation that donates to our auction every year. We really appreciate their support and generosity.

Pleasant Visit to a Local Industry

A volunteer of The Tenth Life works at DMAX which makes diesel engines for General Motors and other vehicles. The company encourages support of charities by offering donations from the company and its employees. They provided The Tenth Life the opportunity to visit their facility and tour the production line. It was fascinating how they can produce and ship such a large number of engines on a daily basis. We were also permitted to offer some of our merchandise for sale. We took tee-shirts, toys, totes, and cards. The employees were so interested in our program and were very helpful and generous. The company presented The Tenth Life with a check for one thousand dollars, and the employees, through purchases and donations, gave us in excess of four hundred dollars. We thank DMAX and their employees for their generosity and our volunteer who made all of this possible. He went to extra effort to facilitate the event for us and promote it within the facility to his co-workers. It was a very enjoyable and profitable day for The Tenth Life.

Status of Three-Dollar Fund

The three-dollar fund has reached eighteen thousand four hundred dollars. We appreciate all of the donations to this fund so much. Of course, we are still accepting donations to this fund. If you have not already donated, we still need your donation. The donations to this campaign help with day-to-day expenses. This is such an easy way to help the cats, without destroying your budget. Every penny is used strictly for the cats. Please send your donation today so that you do not forget. Remember if your donation is over twenty dollars, you will automatically receive an acknowledgement letter. For donations of twenty dollars or less, you may request a letter, and we will be glad to send one to you. Please note on your check or on a note that you would like a letter. We set this threshold because of the number of checks that we receive for this fund raiser. We will be waiting for your donation. Thank you to everyone who donates.

Monthly Supply Donations

The monthly supply donation list is provided below. Any of these donations can be made in any month as they are supplies that are used on daily basis except the 2019 calendars. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation or we can arrange for pick-up if necessary.

July	Pine Cleaner
August	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's)
September	Paper Towels
October	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2019 Cat Calendars

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

On Sunday, August 26th we are having our twelfth lasagna dinner and auction. It will be held at the same facility as it was in 2016, at the VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. The dinner and

auction will be 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. The dinner includes the lasagna, a salad bar, rolls, coffee or 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.

In 2016, 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 games, 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. 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, the new tote bags, 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. At the last auction, we offered jewelry, 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 or The Tenth Life. **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 2016. 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. See you there!! You will have a great time and a delicious meal.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way

We have finally received the results of the campaigns from last fall. From the CFC campaign, we are receiving twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars and from United Way seventeen hundred and forty dollars. These donations from our supporters will certainly help with the expenses. We mailed the acknowledgement letters

the last week of June. If you donated to either of these campaigns and did not receive a letter, please notify us or check with the campaign managers. Thanks to everyone who donated through these drives, and please remember The Tenth Life during the campaigns this year. Our number for the CFC is 32031. You can write in The Tenth Life's name and Pet Therapy Program to make contributions through United Way.

Past Fund Raisers

The annual plant sale was again the best we have had. We sold over twenty-seven thousand dollars of plants at a profit for the cats of over ten thousand dollars. We had our initial orders and then sold nearly forty-six hundred dollars of extras. All were sold. Thanks to the hard work of a volunteer, we were able to have the plants on shelves rather than sitting on the concrete for display. This not only helped with filling orders, but also made it easier for those buying extras. In addition, it helped the plants because they were not sitting on the concrete baking in the sun and heat. Both the volunteers filling orders and the customers complimented the new system. We thank him for constructing the shelves. We have saved them for next year. Thank you to all the volunteers who filled and checked orders and to everyone who purchased plants and made the sale a huge success that was very profitable for the cats. Please remember The Tenth Life for your plant needs next year.

On June 9th, we participated in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. There was the threat of heavy rains and the temperature was in the high eighties. The traffic at the event was less than normal and so were our proceeds. We made nearly seven hundred dollars which is one to two hundred dollars less than normal. We thank the volunteers who manned the booth and everyone who made purchases. We plan to be back in October for the next Street Fair.

Current Fund Raisers

We have a new item in our gift shop. A supporter of The Tenth Life has made beautiful totes for us to sell.

Some are cat fabric, some dog fabric and some "generic fabric" as she calls it. The generic fabrics are all beautiful and have different designs but are not cat or dog designs. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We will have them available at the dinner, at the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival and Street Fair. The totes sell for twenty dollars.

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.

If you shop on Amazon, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. 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.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$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, orange, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color. Any can be shipped with extra for postage.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), small and large balls (\$2.00), teddy bears (\$6.00) 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).

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 are great for writing your friends or they would make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. The entire front of the card is a cat face, and the inside is blank for your personal notes.

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

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

Future Fund Raisers

Please remember the dinner and auction on August 26th. You will not want to miss it. See you there.

On September 8th and 9th we will have our booth at the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival on Dayton Xenia Road in Beaver Creek in front of McDonalds. It is from 10:00 am – 8:00pm on Saturday and from 11:00am – 6:00pm on Sunday. We will have all of our usual toys, apparel, our new totes, cards, books, etc. We hope to see you there. It is always a fun-filled weekend.

We will again be selling the Entertainment books for the Dayton/Springfield area. We have not been told the price, but we assume the price will be the same.

In October, there will be another Yellow Springs Street Fair. It is October 13th from 9:00am – 5:00pm. See you there.

Please remember The Tenth Life as your charity of choice for the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way drive. We appreciate your support.

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, 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 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, Clorox or Sam's), 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. We also do not recycle plastic bottles.** 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.



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