

Sandbox Gazette

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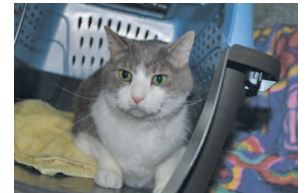
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ISSUE 3



Welcome to The Sandbox Gazette, July edition. In this issue we will show the calendar of events, update you about the past feature cats and introduce new ones, relay a heart-warming story, give a tally of cats that have traveled through The Tenth Life, discuss volunteers, explain two dangers, revise the information about the annual dinner and auction, tell you the status of the three-dollar campaign, provide the order blank for the annual mum sale, offer the monthly supply donation list, explain other ways to donate, notify you about the upcoming Beavercreek Popcorn Festival and Yellow Springs Street Fair, inform you about past, current, and future fund raisers and list some reminders

love attention, but have had a tough time adjusting to life in a shelter environment. They are now adjusted to their room and are greeting visitors to their room for love and attention. It would be wonderful if they could be adopted together. They are best friends. Recently, they were found snuggled together under a blanket on the bench in their room. Please consider these two boys for your home.



Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for the next several months is provided below for your convenience.

\$3.00 Campaign	Now
Mum Sale Orders Due	Sept 4 th
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept 11 th & 12 th
Mum Sale Pick Up Begins	Sept 18 th
CFC & United Way Campaigns	Sep/Oct
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 9 th
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	Nov 7 th

The litter of five kittens came to The Tenth Life with their Mom from an unfortunate situation. The kittens have been handled since arriving and are so loving. There are four blacks and one tortie. Of course, the tortie is the boss. Their names are Quinn, Remy, Ranger, Falcon, and Gibbon. They are short-hair and adorable.



Feature Cats

Unfortunately none of the feature cats in the last newsletter have been adopted. They were Callie and Bailey, Horace, and Lemon and Clementine. They are all great, affectionate cats that need loving homes.

Our new feature cats are Leon and Roamer, and a litter of kittens. Leon and Roamer came to The Tenth Life because their owners had to move to a nursing home. Leon (gray and white) and Roamer (tiger) are short-hair brothers who are about five years old. They

All of these cats are looking for love. All are spayed/neutered, tested for viruses, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. The adoption fee is only seventy-five dollars.

Heart-Warming Story

Yogi (whose picture has already been in the Dayton newspaper) is a three month old black, long hair kitten. He is super loving and very talkative. Yogi was found in the lane of traffic on Yankee Road at rush hour. The girl,

who retrieved him, saw the car in front of her straddle him when it ran over him. Thank goodness he did not decide to move at that moment. He is absolutely adorable and so loving. Yogi loves to give head bumps and purrs constantly. He has been nicknamed Square Kitty because he is as wide as he is long. Everyone has fallen in love with him. He is in a foster home and is being totally spoiled. Please enjoy his picture. He is such a cutie.



The Tenth Life Residents

Recently, we received a letter asking us to include in a newsletter the tally of cats that The Tenth Life has helped in our nearly thirty-seven years of existence. The Tenth Life helps cats in so many ways, not only by housing and adopting to responsible homes but in many other ways. We do not have an exact count, as many cats have been helped by the ways previously mentioned and many others have been helped by our telephone advice service. We receive calls daily asking for advice about cats and related problems. In addition, we have placed thousands of cats in adoptive homes. Unfortunately, some cats come to The Tenth Life and are never adopted but have a home for the remainder of their lives. Some cats that arrive have health or behavioral problems that prevent their adoption. Unlike many shelters, we do not euthanize the cats that are unadoptable. We give them comfort, medical care, shelter and love for their remaining time. Even cats that test positive for leukemia and feline AIDs are not “put to sleep.” If positive after two tests, they are placed in the leukemia room or the AIDs rooms respectively. Our best estimate of cats that have been helped in one way or another by The Tenth Life, over the years, is approximately seventy-five thousand. Certainly many cats that would have lived and died on the street in one horrible way or another have been saved by the efforts of The Tenth Life and all of its

volunteers. We are so grateful to have been able to help so many cats have meaningful, loving lives either in adoptive homes or at The Tenth Life. Of course, all of this help is possible with the generous donations of our supporters. Thanks to you and the volunteers it has been quite an accomplishment. We intend to keep helping cats for a long time.

Volunteers

The one factor that has made it possible to help all of these cats over the years is volunteers. The volunteers do all of the work of The Tenth Life except for the medical care. Without dedicated volunteers, none of the help given to cats would be possible. We house four hundred to four hundred and fifty cats at all times. To be able to care for this many cats, it necessitates having about ten volunteers each day to clean the rooms housing the cats and to provide love and attention. As always we need more volunteers to help with these very important tasks. Most volunteers come once per week and on average spend about two hours helping the cats. If this sounds like fun, with some work involved, please call to offer your help. You will be rewarded by the cats with purrs and rubs.

Dangers to Cats

We wanted to inform you of two unrelated dangers to cats. Dental floss can be very dangerous to your cat and even deadly if placed in a trash can to which the cat has access. A cat was brought to the Tenth Life that had eaten a long strand of dental floss. The owner refused to take the cat to the veterinarian for treatment and instead asked for our help. According to the owner, this was the second time that this had happened. Our veterinarian did exploratory surgery to try to repair the damage. About every quarter inch of the cat’s intestines had a hole that the dental floss had cut through the intestinal wall. Even with great care and lots of love, the kitty did not survive. Please be aware of this danger and be very careful about disposing of dental floss. Please place it in a trash container that is not accessible to your cat. When a cat is adopted from The Tenth Life, this is one piece of

information that we discuss with the adopter. Please protect your cat from dental floss, thread, yarn, etc.

A second danger that we wanted to tell you about is having a cat on a leash with only a collar not a harness. We were recently contacted about a cat from The Tenth Life that was traveling with her owner. The cat was wearing its collar with tags, and the collar was attached to a leash. When they reached their destination, they opened the car door, and the cat jumped out of the car. Unfortunately the collar with the tags came off, and the cat ran into the tall grass and could not be captured. Although she is micro-chipped, there is no guarantee that the cat will ever be returned to its owner. It will take some lucky steps before this would be possible. First, it would have to escape being hit by a car or attacked by another animal. Second, the cat would have to be captured by someone who cares about cats and be taken to a shelter or a veterinarian to be scanned for a chip. If that happens there could be a happy ending. Some people find a cat but fail to have it scanned. The added problem is that the cat is lost in another state. Although the chip would scan in any state, there is the added problem of getting the cat back to its owner in Dayton. We always discourage people from using a leash on a cat and especially in a car. If there is a wreck, the cat could and probably would get out of the car and be lost with a leash attached to it. Our recommendation is to always use a carrier any time you take the cat outside for any reason. If you do use a leash, please always be sure to use a harness, not a collar. A harness is not a “break away,” and will not come off if put on properly.

Please heed both of these pieces of advice. It could save you and your cat a great deal of pain and possible suffering. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

With the Covid-19 pandemic still going on to some degree, the committee has decided to change the date of the annual lasagna dinner and auction to November 7th. The hours will remain the same from 1:00 to 6:00pm. The location is the same. It is 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road at VFW Post 8312 in Beavercreek. The delicious dinner

will be served beginning at 2:00pm and will continue until the end of the event. This will give our shoppers one hour before dinner to browse the tables of merchandise and make their initial bids. It is advisable to bring a small tablet to keep track of the items you are bidding on and the table numbers of those items. With so many tables of fantastic items, it is difficult to keep track of everything you hope to purchase.

As in past years, we will also have our tables of The Tenth Life merchandise, such as toys, apparel, etc. In addition, we will have the bake sale with delicious, homemade delicacies. We will need a wide variety of baked goods for the bake sale and for the dessert table for dinner. The desserts can be brought to the VFW Post on Saturday or Sunday.

The dinner will include meat or veggie lasagna from Belmont Catering, breadsticks, salad, dessert, and coffee or tea. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for an additional charge. The cost of the dinner will be fifteen dollars and the cost of the salad dinner will be ten dollars. This is a slight increase from previous years to try to recoup some of the loss from last year. We know some other groups charge a flat fee to attend, but we decided to continue as we have done in past years. **Any left-over lasagna will be sold at the end of the event.**

We need volunteers to visit businesses to request donations for the auction. If this is something you enjoy doing, please contact us. If you have friends or family who have a business that would like to donate, please ask them for their help. We appreciate all donations whether they are gift cards or items. They do not have to be cat oriented. We usually have a variety of all types of items. It all helps the cats. All donations are tax-deductible.

We also need volunteers to help make up bid sheets. All items require a bid sheet with a starting bid, and a minimum raise amount. If you would like to help with this task, please contact us.

Another need is for help on Saturday November 6th to set up the tables for auction items and dinner. After all the tables are set up, we must arrange all of the auction

items on the tables and number every bid sheet with item and table numbers. Also help is needed on Sunday to monitor the auction tables, serve the meals, clean tables, monitor the salad, drinks, and dessert bars, work the bake sale, help at the Tenth Life table, etc. Please contact us if you are interested in helping in any of these ways. It takes a tremendous amount of work to have this event be successful. We definitely need people to make this possible. Please consider helping with this event. It will be fun.

The Three-Dollar Campaign

The three-dollar campaign is lagging behind last year's donations. We are currently at sixteen thousand three hundred, but at the same time last year we had received thirty thousand four hundred. If you have not donated to this fund raiser, please do so. This campaign is such a huge help to the funding of the cats' needs. Since it is such a nominal amount, you may feel that your donation is not needed. We decided on this small amount to make donating a possibility for, hopefully, everyone. Even small amounts accumulate into huge amounts if everyone contributes. Please send your donation today to help the cats maintain a healthy, happy life until they are adopted. We have already missed one fund raiser this year, the Yellow Springs Street Fair in June, that was cancelled. All donations to this fund are tax deductible. As we have stated before about donations to this campaign, we will automatically send acknowledgement letters for all donations in excess of twenty dollars. For donations less than twenty dollars, we will gladly provide a letter upon request. Please remember that all donations to The Tenth Life go directly to the support of the cats as everyone is a volunteer except for the doctor who supports all the medical needs of the cats. The cats are waiting for your donations.

Fall Mum Sale

Last year's sale of mums was a huge success. We sold two hundred and eighty-two mums. We were thrilled. We are offering the beautiful mums from Furst the Florist again this year. The order blank is included in

this newsletter. The price is eight dollars per mum. We increased the price by the amount that the price was increased to us. They are unbelievably large for this price. Customers last year were amazed at their size. They will be available in red/burgundy, yellow/gold, orange, bronze, and purple. The order blanks with payment are due by September 4th, and the mums will be available for pick-up beginning on Saturday September 18th from 10:00am-5:00pm. The hours for Sunday are the same as Saturday and weekdays are from 4:00-7:00pm. The mums were gorgeous last year, and we know they will be again. We will have some extras available, but please pre-order for the best selection.

Monthly Supply Donation List

The list of supplies that are needed are provided below. Any supplies can be donated in any month.

July	Pine Cleaner
August	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
September	Paper Towels
October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	2022 Cat Calendars

Two Ways to Donate to The Tenth Life

The following outlines two methods to donate to The Tenth Life in 2021 and receive federal tax benefits for the donation. First, for the 2021 tax year, people who take the standard deduction can deduct up to three hundred dollars of cash donations to The Tenth Life on their federal tax return. The three hundred dollars is per taxpayer. If you are married and filing a joint return, you can deduct a total of six hundred dollars on your 2021 federal tax return without itemizing deductions. Second, persons who are seventy and a half or older, can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA. The QCD made to The Tenth Life is not included in gross income of the IRA owner. The QCD counts toward any required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. For a charitable distribution from an IRA to

qualify as a QCD, the charitable contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian to the charity.

Other Upcoming Ways to Donate

Coming up this fall in September and October are the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way (UW) Drive. Please remember The Tenth Life during these campaigns. For CFC our code is **32031**. For United Way, you must write in **The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program**. We certainly appreciate your donations to these programs. All donations go directly to the support of the cats at The Tenth Life. All letters for the last campaigns went out in May. If you requested notification, but did not receive a letter, please notify us, and we will check on your donation.

Beavercreek Popcorn and Street Fair Festivals

The Beavercreek Popcorn Festival committee is planning the festival on September 11th and 12th. We assume we will be in our usual space, which is 176 on Dayton-Xenia Road in front of McDonald's. We will have our usual array of merchandise, including catnip toys, dried catnip, apparel, greeting cards, tote bags, books, etc. Please plan to attend and visit our booth. We love to visit with the people who stop by our booth and tell us their favorite cat stories and hear about cats that were adopted from The Tenth Life. Hope to see you

The Yellow Springs Street Fair is happening on October 9th. We should have our usual site which is across from Speedway on the far-side of the street. The event runs from 9:00am-5:00pm. It is always a fun-filled festival. We will have all of our usual merchandise, such as apparel, books, catnip toys, dried catnip, cards, tote bags, etc. Please remember that all proceeds from this event are a direct benefit to the cats of The Tenth Life.

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, there has only been one fund raiser. The annual flower and plant sale was the best one

we have had. The pre-orders were twenty-six thousand dollars compared to twenty-two thousand last year. With selling the extras that we had ordered plus many trips back to Furst for even more extras, the final total was thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars of plants sold. This exceeds last year by thirty-four hundred dollars. The profit from this sale for the cats was eleven thousand three hundred dollars. To all of our buyers, we truly appreciate your support of this fund raiser. We also thank Furst the Florist for providing such gorgeous, healthy plants. Of course, thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the orders and then check them for accuracy. Please remember our plant sale again next year for all of your gardening needs. The order blank will be in the January 2022 newsletter. The more people you tell about these plants, the more sales that we will have, and the more help for the cats. Word of mouth is our best salesman.

Current Fund Raisers

The current fund raisers are the same as in previous newsletters. We will repeat them here as a reminder of all of the ongoing efforts that we do to keep funding the needs of the cats. Any assistance that you can provide would be a great help.

If you have not sent your donation to the three-dollar campaign, please send it today to help the cats enjoy their stay at The Tenth Life. The cats will be watching the mail for your donation. We will send letters for donations over twenty dollars or for any amount, if requested by the donor.

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 in this way.

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 of all of your purchases. 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.

Please continue shopping at Dorothy Lane Markets and Kroger. If you have registered with these stores as a supporter of The Tenth Life, your purchases will contribute to the amount that these stores donate to The Tenth Life. If you have not registered as a supporter of the cats, but do shop at either of these stores, please consider registering as a supporter. It is easy to register and is a big help to our funding.

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 still have a great selection of totes. Some are cat fabric, some dog fabric and some “generic fabric.” 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 have them available at The Tenth Life or by mail. The totes sell for twenty dollars and are gorgeous and well-made. They make wonderful gifts.

We have a nice selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$30.00). 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, turtles, bumble bees, octopi, snakes (\$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).

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.

These items make excellent gifts 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)	\$5.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, & Tote Bags	\$5.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$4.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$6.00

Future Fund Raisers

Please do not forget the annual mum sale. Orders with payment are due on September 4th with pickup beginning on September 18th at 10:00am.

Please remember the lasagna dinner and auction on November 7th at VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek from 1:00-6:00pm.

We will be offering our holiday greenery and plants and having the two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life, the Thanksgiving pie sale, and the Christmas pie and bake sale. We will do pictures with Santa at Pets Supplies Plus in Beavercreek, Kettering, and Centerville.

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. Coupons for Yesterday’s News or Fresh Step Litter, cat food, 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. They really appreciate your help.

Hours of Operation:

Phone Number:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:00am-5:00pm on Saturday
10:00am-5:00pm on Sunday

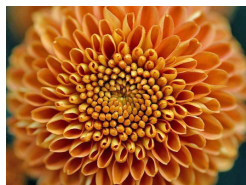
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Address:

The Tenth Life
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Alpha, Ohio 45301

Website:

thetenthlife.org



The Tenth Life
2021 Mum Sale



8” Potted Mums in 5 Colors - \$8.00 Each
 Order Due at The Tenth Life by Sept. 4, 2021
 Pick-up at The Tenth Life on Sept. 18, 2021

Color	Qty	Cost
Red/ Burgundy		
Yellow/Gold		
Orange		
Bronze		
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