

# Sandbox Gazette

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The Sandbox Gazette has arrived and is loaded with important information. In this edition, we will include the calendar of upcoming events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce the new feature cats, offer a new fund raiser, remind you to tell us your choice for receiving your newsletter, inform you of the three-dollar donation final tally, list the monthly supply donations, include the order blanks for the holiday greenery and plants and Thanksgiving and Christmas pies, provide the cats' Christmas wish list, remind you about the Speedy rewards, tell you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and offer some important reminders.

## Calendar of Events

Speedy Rewards	Now
2012 Entertainment Books	Now
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>
Greenery & Plant Orders Due	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Pie Pick-up	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>
First Holiday Bazaar	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>
Greenery & Plant Pickup	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Second Holiday Bazaar	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>
Holiday Bake Sale	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Pie Pick-up	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>

## Feature Cats

We are so happy to report that Tess and Piper from a previous newsletter have been adopted together and are so happy in their new home. We have seen pictures, and they are truly loved and spoiled. Their new "Mom and Dad" have made special accommodations for Tess with her part of a missing leg. They are so lucky. Their people adopted from The Tenth Life years ago and came back and adopted these girls.

From the litter of five in the last newsletter, only Archie, has not been adopted. He is black and that always makes adoption harder. He is a wonderful boy with a fluffy tail and a great personality. He loves attention and loves to be on laps.



Our feature cats for this newsletter are Cobby, Uno and Tres, and Avis and Hertz. Cobby is about three years old and is a Siamese mix. He was left in a neighborhood when his owners moved away. He is already front declawed, but he has a heart murmur, which may or may not ever cause him any problems. He has the beautiful blue eyes and is very handsome. He loves attention and gets along well with other cats. He was very skinny when he arrived, but now looks fantastic.

Uno and Tres are the last two of a litter of seven Manx kittens. Uno is a tabby and white and has no tail, and Tres is an orange tiger with a full-length tail. Both are short hair, super sweet and love attention. They are about six months old. These kittens love to chase and play with other cats. Uno and Tres are great kittens.

Avis and Hertz are brother and sister. They are long-hair tabbies and are gorgeous cats. They are about eight years old and front declawed. Avis has a cloudy eye due to trauma before coming to the Tenth Life as a kitten. Avis and Hertz were returned after being in a home for a few years. The lady's son became highly allergic. She tried for a long time to solve the allergy problem, but in the end had to return the cats. They greet visitors to their room and love to sit on laps. Both of them purr so loudly and forever. They need another home and lots of love.

All are spayed/neutered, tested, vaccinated, and microchipped. Please, if you need another friend in your life, contact us and make an appointment to visit these kitties or any others who are looking for a loving home.

## A New Fund Raiser

This is an opportunity to enjoy an exciting new product and benefit The Tenth Life. A friend of The Tenth Life, Rosemary Vaughn, is offering you the opportunity to purchase a **Scentsy** candle warmer with twenty percent of the sales being donated to The Tenth Life. Scentsy is a flameless, wickless, soot-free candle ceramic warmer heated with a low-watt bulb (included). The bulb heats the specially prepared wax which is non-toxic and safe for children and pets and fills your home with a fragrant aroma. This is a better way to enjoy the pleasures of a scented candle without the inconvenience and hazards. There are many designs of the warmer available. One is specifically designed for pet lovers. As a further incentive to participate in this fund raiser, the first ten purchasers will be entered into a drawing for a Scentsy plug-in warmer (a twenty dollar value). Not only do you receive your attractive warmer, but also a chance to win a gift that you can keep for yourself or use as a gift for a friend. Please see the instructions on the back of the newsletter for ordering.

## Distribution of the Newsletter

In the last several newsletters we have requested that you tell us if you want to receive the newsletter by mailed (hard) copy or by e-mail notification that the newsletter is available on our website, **thetenthlife.org**. We thank everyone who has told us of their preference. If you have not yet responded and want to continue receiving the newsletter, please do so. You can call us at (937) 376-5550, e-mail us at [jlotsacats@aol.com](mailto:jlotsacats@aol.com) or write us at P.O. Box 178, Alpha, Ohio 45301. If you still want a hard copy, it is not a problem. We understand that some of you do not have internet capability. We are trying to use the e-mail method as much as possible to save printing and postage costs. You can always print a hard copy from the web site. If we do not hear from people, we will assume that they no longer want to receive the newsletter. We are going to remove names from the mailing list after this newsletter and hopefully only be sending it to those who are interested in cats and our efforts to help them.

## Final Tally of Three-Dollar Donations for 2011

Your generous donations totaled thirteen thousand four hundred dollars. This is only one hundred dollars short of last year's total. This is such an easy way for you to help the cats without hurting your finances. Thanks to everyone who donated. We will still add donations to the total and maybe even exceed last year.

## Monthly Supply Donation

The supplies that can be donated for the rest of the year are October – paper towels, November – bleach, and December – 2012 **cat** calendars. Any supplies can be donated in any month. Your donations save us many dollars each year. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation.

## Holiday Greenery and Plants

The order blank for the holiday greenery and plants is included in this newsletter. The offerings and prices have changed slightly. Please see the order blank for the selection of wreaths, white pine roping, and plants. The plants are from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The greenery is from the same supplier as in previous years. The greenery and plants add such a festive accent to your home for the holidays. The greenery adds the aroma of the holidays, and the plants add so much beauty and color. **The due date for orders, with payment, is November 19<sup>th</sup>.** The greenery and plants will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-5:00pm, Sunday from 12:30-5:00pm and during the week from 4:30-7:30pm. **Please come only during these times.** All the wreaths will be accented with a lovely red velvet bow thanks to Unique Designs Floral Studio. Various sizes are shown, but other sizes are available. Please call for prices. The plants have a mylar cover that make them great for gift giving or for decorating your home. With these wreaths, roping, and plants, your home will be decorated and ready for all of your holiday entertaining, and you will be helping the cats.

## Holiday Pies

Also in this newsletter is the order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pies from Mehaffies Pie Peddler. You can order the pies from The Tenth Life, support the cats and save yourself many hours in the kitchen. The pies are nine dollars each with three dollars being profit for the cats. Why not order several to have a wide variety for your guests? The available flavors are listed on the order form. For Thanksgiving pies, we need your orders by November 5<sup>th</sup>, and for Christmas, the orders must be in by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Please include your payment with your order and mark for which holiday your order is needed.** The pies will be available on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> after 10:00am.

## Cats' Christmas Wish List

The cats work long hours to compile the list of their biggest and most important desires for your consideration. The list includes a home of their own, more volunteers, contributions to the general operating fund, donations of supplies, sponsoring a cat of The Tenth Life, and adding to the fund for a new x-ray machine. All of these are important needs for the cats, and all financial donations to these funds are tax deductible. We will provide an acknowledgement letter for your taxes. We appreciate your help.

Of course, every cat's wish is for a home of his or her own. If you need or want a furry, ball of unconditional love, The Tenth Life is your Santa. We have over four hundred and fifty cats looking for their special person to love them and be loved by them. All of the cats of The Tenth Life are spayed or neutered, tested for feline leukemia, feline AIDs, and heartworm, fully vaccinated, and microchipped. Of course they are free of internal and external parasites. A few are even front declawed. If you want your selected cat declawed, it can be done before the cat goes home for an additional fee. The declawing is done with the laser, which is a much better, less painful method of declawing with quicker recuperation. The adoption cost for this love and happiness is only sixty-five dollars. Please call for an appointment.

One of the most important ways that you can help the cats is to become a volunteer of The Tenth Life. You get loving purrs, lots of rubbing, immeasurable job security (which is hard to find anymore), and hard work with scooping litter boxes, sweeping floors, providing food and water, and, most importantly, giving love and attention to the cats. You can give one hour or several hours a week or every other week to make the lives of the cats that you care for, even better. Yes, you will fall in love and want to take many cats home, but you know that you can only care for a certain number at home. This is rewarding work without a financial paycheck. Your pay is gratitude from the cats and everyone at The Tenth Life. You may think that you are too busy to volunteer, but you always find time for those things that are most important to you. Please come and help.

A donation to the general operating fund is one of the most important ways to help the cats. These funds are used for the day-to-day operation. With our population, our expenses are large, but your donations are even greater. Donations to this fund make the continued operation of The Tenth Life possible.

The donation of supplies helps save general operating funds. You can donate paper towels, Clorox/Lysol wipes, postage stamps, canned food (preferably Iams, Science Diet, Friskies, or Fancy Feast), hand soap, bleach, mops, brooms, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc. These donations save the cats' funds and our time that would be spent on shopping. Other items that are needed are cat fabric and stuffing that can be used for toys that the volunteers make for us to sell. Donations of any of these items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. By bringing your donations only during these hours, volunteers are available to help you unload and will prevent the doctor and her helper from taking time away from the medical needs of the cats. If you have questions about any other supplies to donate, please call us, and we can tell you if we have a need.

If you would like to help in a more direct way to one cat, you can sponsor a cat to help with all of its needs. The cost is only ten dollars per month. Your donation will help to pay for food, litter and medical care for your cat that either you choose or we choose for you based on

your request and specifications. You receive a picture of your cat and a letter from your cat telling you about itself. You will receive a letter every six months until the cat is adopted telling you about his or her life at The Tenth Life. When the cat is adopted, you will receive a letter informing you of the happy occasion and asking you to sponsor another cat. About half of the cats have sponsors, leaving about half of them feeling slighted. Your sponsorship can help their self-esteem and make them feel even more loved than they already are. Feeling special is an important part of each cat's life. Some supporters sponsor a cat as a Christmas or birthday gift for a cat lover. This is a win/win situation for everyone.

Another year has passed and we are still using the old x-ray machine that was donated. So far, it is still working, and we are still saving for a new unit that will be very costly. The final request on the cat's wish list is for more donations toward the purchase of a new x-ray machine when the current one gives up and will no longer work. We have a long way to go toward having the total needed for a new unit, but if we keep saving, we will reach our goal of a new x-ray machine. Hopefully, by then the cost will be lower and more affordable.

Your donations to any of these needs will help the cats immensely. They need your help to enjoy their lives and be safe and comfortable. You have made The Tenth Life a success with your donations and saved thousands of cats from being put to death for no reason other than having been born. We will all continue working together to overcome this horrible problem of pet overpopulation. With spaying and neutering and your help, we will see a decline in the number of homeless pets.

### **Speedy Rewards**

Our wonderful supporters continue to transfer Speedy rewards to The Tenth Life account. With just a few more points, we can obtain another one hundred dollar Visa card that we can use to purchase food and litter for the cats. We have already obtained three one-hundred dollar cards that we used to purchase supplies for the cats. If you have points that you are not going to redeem, please visit the Speedway web site or call 1-800-643-1948 and

transfer your points to the following card – 404440 098106 in the name of Jerry Kerns. Please transfer your points to the card number shown above and help the cats.

### **Past Fund Raisers**

Since the last newsletter, there have been three fund raisers. All three of these were hugely successful and profitable for the cats. The profit from the Popcorn Festival was nearly nineteen hundred dollars and from the Yellow Springs Street Fair, the cats made thirteen hundred and sixty dollars. Thanks to our booth workers and customers.

The spaghetti dinner and auctions held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Routsong Funeral Home was more profitable for the cats than any other dinner and auctions we have had. It was a fantastic event that raised almost fourteen thousand dollars. Everyone had a great time bidding on the live and silent auction items. We had twenty-three tables of silent auction items. We even had a licensed massage therapist giving massages for our visitors' relaxation, and her fees were donated to The Tenth Life. Thank you, Susan. Our live auction had an exciting new offering. We had an African safari for the live auction. The winning bidder will have a breath-taking trip.

There are so many people that we want to thank for their help with this event. We want to thank Routsong Funeral Home especially Tommy and Lisa Routsong for allowing us to use their beautiful facility. We truly appreciate their generosity and hospitality. Danny Finchum served as our master of ceremonies and auctioneer and his wife, Julie, assisted with the auction. We thank them for all of their kindness and help. Ron and Sue Hanson spent thousands of hours on the auction items. They not only solicited the majority of the auction items, but housed all of the items, transported them to the location, and designed the beautiful basket arrangements that adorned the tables. Without their efforts, the auctions would have been very small. We cannot believe the generosity of the businesses and individuals who contributed auction items. We had such an enormous selection of auction items. To everyone who donated items, thank you so much. Our dinner chairwoman, Ann

Clutter, worked with Penny of Belmont Catering to provide the delicious dinner that was served. Everyone said that the dinner was the best spaghetti. This is the second year that we have used Belmont Catering, and they are true professionals and very helpful. Penny also worked with Alcor (Carrie Harrison) who provided the dinnerware and flatware. We thank both for their help. Our volunteer, Libby Domingue, worked with Morgan Linen to obtain the table coverings and the napkins. We thank both for their efforts to give the event the total look of a professional event. Further, we thank Glawe Awning for their help with the tables and chairs. As always, our bakers contributed the most delicious dessert items imaginable. Anyone who attended the event could see the number of volunteers of The Tenth Life who were working to make this event a success. Our volunteers are the most hardworking people any organization could have. Without them this event would not be possible. Finally, we thank everyone who attended, had dinner, and bid on items in both auctions for their continued support of The Tenth Life and our efforts to help needy cats.

### Current Fund Raisers

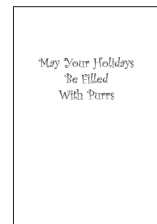
The 2012 Entertainment books sell for thirty dollars. The books are loaded with coupons for almost anything that you need. They also make excellent gifts for your family and friends, and are great for door prizes for office parties. The books are available from The Tenth Life, our volunteers, by mail with an extra three dollars for postage, or at several retailers in the area. The list of businesses selling books for The Tenth Life is as follows: the Hair Studio on Park Drive in Oakwood, Dayton South Veterinary Clinic on Wilmington Pike in Kettering, The Scratching Post Cat Hospital on Franklin Street in Centerville, and The Corner Copy Shop on Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. We hope at least one of these businesses is near you so that you can purchase one or more books to support The Tenth Life.

Our catnip toys make excellent gifts for your cat or any other cats that are on your holiday shopping list. We have crocheted balls (large and small), fish and pillows, fabric pillows, and mats. The balls and pillows sell for

two dollars each, the fish are three dollars, and the mats are ten dollars. If you would like them shipped to you, we can do so for an additional nominal charge for shipping of one or two dollars depending on the number of toys ordered. They will also be available at the bazaars at The Tenth Life. The toys are homemade and filled with locally grown catnip.

The furry beds with catnip between the layers are still available. The cats love the feel of the fabric and enjoy the catnip. They are machine washable and sell for ten dollars. They are twelve by fourteen inches and come in a variety of colorful furs. They will be available at our bazaars or we can ship one for an additional two dollars.

The Tenth Life apparel and totes also make thoughtful gifts for cat lovers. The Tenth Life apparel includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags. The short-sleeve t-shirts come in navy, bright red, pink, lime, stonewashed blue and green, heathered blue and green, orange, gray, cardinal, pebble, pine, light blue, khaki, and deep forest. Long-sleeve t-shirts are available in bright red, stonewashed blue and green and natural. The sweatshirts are available in navy, pine, pink, gold, orange, burgundy, purple, gray, bright red, forest green, and brown. The tote bags are gray. The t-shirts sell for fifteen (short-sleeve) and twenty (long-sleeve) dollars. The sweatshirts and tote bags are twenty-five. These items can be shipped to you for an additional two dollars (t-shirts), or three dollars (sweatshirts and tote bags). All have The Tenth Life logo embroidered on the front.



The original design Christmas cards are now available. (See the picture.) The cards were designed by a volunteer. Everyone loves them. The cards are available in packs of ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. You will want to send them to everyone on your mailing list and purchase some as gifts for your cat-loving friends. They will be available at The Tenth Life and by mail for an additional two dollar charge for postage.

Our cookbooks are still available for twelve dollars and contain three hundred and fifty recipes. You will love the cookbook. They make excellent gifts. We can ship one to you for an extra three dollars for shipping.

The Kroger gift cards are still available in twenty-five, fifty and one hundred dollar denominations for you or as gifts. **Purchase the card from The Tenth Life**, use it like cash, and reload it as needed. The Tenth Life receives four percent of these reloads. Please help the cats by getting a card, making purchases, and reloading the card for more use.

We still offer the cat trees at thirty dollars over our cost. There are several styles and all are sturdy and well made. One of the new types of trees is totally unique. It comes apart for easy transportation and you simply reassemble it when you get it home. The trouble with most tall cat trees is that you need a truck to haul them. The posts are made of PVC pipe and can be recovered if they become too used. The posts are covered with carpet or sisal as you desire. We have a book at The Tenth Life that shows the styles, sizes and prices.

### **Future Fund Raisers**

The holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life are November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will offer our catnip toys, apparel, cookbooks, Christmas cards, Entertainment books, cat collectibles, etc.

On the same day as the second bazaar, we will have our annual holiday bake sale from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have about fifty varieties of baked goods and candies. You can shop at our bake sale, choose from our huge selection, and simply make a donation to the cats. Your holiday baking needs are met that easily. Our bakers are the best. If you would also like to bake for this sale, please bring your items on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm or on Saturday morning.

The Tenth Life had planned to again participate in the pictures with Santa. However, Petco has purchased Complete Petmart, and the operation has changed. We would have to give half of the proceeds back to Petco for

their foundation. Complete Petmart allowed the charities to keep the total amount. With this change in mind, we have decided not to participate in this event. We are sorry because our volunteers loved doing this because of the interaction with the owners and their pets. However to ask our volunteers to give their time and effort to this event and then give Petco half of the proceeds is unthinkable. In addition, three of the Complete Petmarts in this area sold Entertainment books for us and had donation cans on their counters, but Petco would not allow either of these to continue.

### **Reminders**

Please continue saving aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons for The Tenth Life. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum, drink and pet food cans or spouting and siding. The pennies can be wrapped or not wrapped. The Fresh Step Paw Points code can be found on the bag or box or in the pail of litter. The code is usually twelve characters and is not the lot number. Cut off the top layer of the bag with the code and send it to us. Please save any ink cartridges for us to recycle. The aluminum, pennies and cartridges can be brought to The Tenth Life. If you cannot transport the aluminum, we can make other arrangements. The Paw Points, cartridges, and coupons can be sent to the post office box.

Please remember to be careful with holiday decorations, wrapping paper and ribbon, and holiday plants, such as poinsettias.

### **Hours of operation:**

**4:30-7:30pm weeknights**  
**10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays**  
**12:30-5:00pm on Sundays**

### **Phone Number:**

**(937) 376-5550**

### **The Tenth Life address:**

**The Tenth Life**  
**P.O. Box 178**  
**Alpha, Ohio 45301-0178**

### **Website**

**thetenthlife.org**



# CHRISTMAS GREENERY



THE TENTH LIFE WILL HAVE TWO TYPES OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS FOR SALE .

- NOBLE FIR (16" OR 28" OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A VERY SYMMETRICAL SHORT- NEEDLED FIR, IS GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW).
- MIXED WESTERN (16" , 20" OR 28" 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.
- THIS YEAR WE HAVE THE CYCLAMEN, CHRISTMAS CACTUS AND NORFOLK PINE IN 4" POTS. TH CYCLAMEN ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN 6" POTS. CYCLAMEN AND CACTUS ARE AVAILABLE IN 8" E HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 19, 2011. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2011.
- 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	\$ _____
_____ 28" NOBLE FIR @ \$27.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 16" MIXED WESTERN @ \$16.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 20" MIXED WESTERN @ \$20.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 28" MIXED WESTERN @ \$26.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.75 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ NORFOLK PINE (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @\$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_



## The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 5, 2011 (Thanksgiving) or December 3, 2011 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.00 each)	Quantity	\$
Apple	_____	_____
Cherry	_____	_____
Peach	_____	_____
Dutch Apple	_____	_____
Pecan	_____	_____
Blueberry	_____	_____
Coconut Cream	_____	_____
Chocolate Cream	_____	_____
Lemon Meringue (Christmas only)	_____	_____

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov. 19, 2011 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 17, 2011 (Christmas)



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Instructions for ordering your Scentsy candle warmer**  
**(You must order between November 1 and 15, 2011)**

There are only four quick steps to place your order:

Step 1. Click on the link: <https://ohiorose.scentsy.us/Buy?partyld=53357770>  
(This web site will show all products that are available.)

Step 2. Select: The Tenth Life Party

Step 3. Browse and shop

Step 4. Place your order

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary at (937) 304-9130.  
We promise that you will love your warmer and will be helping the cats.