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2012's final edition of The Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition, we will show the calendar of events for the remainder of 2012, tell you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, update you about the new pet store, give you the final total for the three-dollar campaign, list the supply items that can be donated for the rest of the year, suggest gifts for your cat-loving friends, offer the cats' Christmas wish list, present the order blanks for the holiday greenery and plant sale and the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales, inform you about the holiday bazaars and bake sale, supply you with information about the Home Again microchips implanted in the cats adopted from The Tenth Life, report to you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and remind you about some important factors.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for The Tenth Life for the remainder of 2012 is shown below. Please mark your calendars so that you do not forget.

Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 3 rd
Greenery & Plant Orders Due	Nov 10 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pick-up	Nov 17 th
Greenery & Plant Pick-up	Nov 24 th
First Holiday Bazaar	Nov 24 th
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 8 th
Christmas Bake Sale	Dec 15 th
Second Holiday Bazaar	Dec 15 th
Christmas Pie Pick-up	Dec 22 nd

Feature Cats

We are so happy to report that the two feature cats in the last newsletter have been adopted into loving homes. Scamp went to live with a Maine Coon whose friend had died. They got along almost from the very beginning and

are best buddies. His new "Mom and Dad" love him so much and think that he is the cutest, most handsome cat in the world. Of course he is; he was adopted from The Tenth Life. They have sent pictures of him.

Sweetie has also been adopted. He was adopted with another cat (Bethany) from The Tenth Life. They have both adjusted well and are living the good life with their new family. We are all thrilled for both of them.

Our new feature cats are a litter of kittens named Ginger, Pumpkin, Calli, and Blacky, and for those of you who love large, older males, we have Boots and Meiko.



The litter of four was in a foster home until recently. Ginger and Pumpkin are orange and white and orange respectively. Calli is a calico and Blackie is black and white, and is the only long hair. He is not related to the others, but the mother of the other three raised him with her own kittens. They are about six months old and very loving and very beautifully marked. They all love attention, but Blackie demands even more attention than the others. They do not have to remain together, but two make a nice addition to a family.



Boots and Meiko are about ten years old. Boots is gray and white and Meiko is a gray tiger. They are both neutered and front declawed. They came from the same home with another cat who is diabetic and is not for

adoption. Their family moved and did not take any of the cats with them. They miss their people, but are being great with the volunteers. They are large boys and extremely sweet. Either of them would keep your lap warm all winter as they are about fifteen pounds each.

If you would like to visit any of the wonderful cats that live at The Tenth Life, please call for an appointment. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars and includes a collar with tags and a cardboard carrier. They all would love to have homes before the holidays.

PetCare Solutions – The New Pet Store in Town

The new pet store started by a longtime volunteer of The Tenth Life has moved. The original location on Far Hills Avenue was not working, and he has moved the store to 4011 Marshall Road in Kettering. The store is in the old Maytag store, just south of Stroop Road, directly behind the Speedway station. This should prove to be a much better location for the store. He is now open in this new location and is looking forward to seeing supporters of The Tenth Life visit his store. Mike has twenty years experience and knows your needs extremely well. Be sure to tell him that you heard about the store from our newsletter. His phone number is the same - 293-9760.

Three -Dollar Campaign

The final total for this year's campaign is fourteen thousand two hundred and eighty-three dollars. This is a tremendous sum for such an easy fund-raiser. Many of our fund raisers are very labor-intensive, but this is not. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We wish more readers of the newsletter would support this fund-raiser; however, we are thrilled with the donations that we received. This is a huge help to our funding for the cats. All of the cats say a huge thank-you!!

Monthly Supply Donations

The donations for the remainder of the year are October – paper towels, November – bleach, and

December – cat calendars. Donations of these supplies help us to save general operating dollars for more important purposes. Thanks for supporting this need.

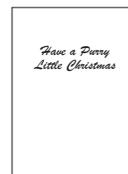
Holiday Gifts for Your Cat-Loving Friends

We are sure that you have cat-loving friends on your holiday shopping list for whom it is almost impossible to buy a great gift. We have several suggestions for your shopping convenience. You can do your shopping from The Tenth Life, have a great, unique gift, and help support the cats with your purchase.

We have The Tenth Life short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, sweatshirts (\$25.00) and tote bags (\$25.00). The short-sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple, navy, bright red, cardinal, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue and green, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, light steel, pebble, khaki, olive, and medium blue. We have the long-sleeve t-shirts in stonewashed blue and green, bright red, and natural. The sweatshirts are in navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, pine, Carolina blue, burgundy, and gray. On the t-shirts, The Tenth Life logo is on the left chest, and on the sweatshirts, it is across the entire front. They come in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes are large and come in gray with black trim and have many inside pockets. Your friends will love them.

Our three hundred and fifty recipe, hardback cookbook (\$12.00) will make a thoughtful gift for anyone who loves to cook or bake. For many people, this is their favorite kind of cookbook.

Another nice gift would be a pack of our original design Christmas cards (\$5.00). The cards are absolutely gorgeous and were designed by a volunteer. The card has the face of a beautiful kitty with a festive ribbon. There are ten cards and envelopes in a pack.



An Entertainment book can be the perfect gift for anyone who likes to eat out, attend theatre or sporting events, or go shopping, etc. The book will allow them to do any of these things and only pay half the price that the event would normally cost. Plus, the book was a gift to them so they did not even have to buy the book which sells for thirty dollars. The book will continue to give throughout the year.

For your friends or family members who love cat figurines, jewelry, and related cat items, we have a nice selection of reasonably priced items at our bazaars.

Two other extremely useful cat related items are the Pet Hair Magnet (\$15.00) that is wonderful for removing cat or dog hair from fabric, carpet, clothing, etc. and the Furminator (\$25.00) that is marvelous for removing loose hair and mats from cats and dogs. Both are great gifts for anyone with pets.

Many people have all of the clothes, cookbooks, cards, nick-knacks they need or want. For these friends or relatives, you can make a donation or sponsor one of our loving cats in their name. This would be a wonderful surprise for them and a huge help to our cats. One size fits all, no returns. A holiday greeting letter will be sent to the recipient, telling them of your donation. If your selection is sponsoring a cat, we will send a letter from the sponsor cat to the recipient telling them of your gift and the history of the cat. Everyone will be happy with your choice of a gift, and the cats will keep smiling.

If you are looking for a gift for your feline friends, we can help you with this shopping also. We have the best catnip toys ever made. We have wonderful volunteers, who make fantastic catnip toys. Every year at the festivals that we attend, people come to the booth to buy our catnip toys. Many people tell us that these are the only catnip toys that their cats like. Some tell us that it is the only reason that they come to the festival. These are dedicated cat owners. We have catnip balls (large and small) \$2.00, catnip fish, crocheted or made of felt (\$3.00), catnip mats in gorgeous cat fabric (\$10.00), furry beds filled with catnip (\$10.00), cylindrical crocheted toys filled with bells (\$3.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00) for the cats enjoyment and excitement.

These are handmade and filled with locally grown catnip that has an extremely strong scent that the cats love.

We hope that these ideas can help you with your holiday shopping. Any of these (except the figurines, jewelry, and related items) can be shipped to you for an additional charge for shipping. Please see the chart below for shipping charges.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$2.00
Sweatshirts, Tote Bags	\$3.00
Cookbook, Entertainment Book	\$3.00
Christmas Cards, Catnip Toys	\$2.00
Pet Hair Magnet, Furminators	\$3.00

Christmas Wish List

Again this year, the cats have been working long hours to develop their Christmas wish list. This list has some of the same wishes as from previous years, but there is only one new wish. From previous years, they would like to have homes of their own, donations to the general operating fund and the x-ray fund, donations of expendable supplies, more volunteers, and sponsors for those cats who do not currently have sponsors. A new request for this year is donations to new heating/air conditioning units. Please remember all donations to The Tenth Life are tax-deductible. An acknowledgement letter will be sent to you for your contribution.

All of the cats are wishing for loving, forever homes. This is the most important wish on any cat's list. Cats love to be petted, warm, and comfortable. They would love to have individual attention and a nice cozy lap for long winter naps. Please come to visit, and we promise that you will fall in love. The cost is only sixty-five dollars, and all of the cats are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, tested for viruses, and microchipped. Some are already declawed or they can be declawed, by laser, before going home for an additional fee. Please call.

The general operating fund is used for all operating expenses, from supplies, insurance, utility bills to Dr. Jennie's payroll. These are the funds that keep us

operating. These funds come from donations, fund raisers, United Way and Combined Federal Campaign. Your donations to this fund guarantee the cats that they will continue to receive the best care possible until a responsible, loving home can be found.

We continue to add to the x-ray fund and will continue to use the existing x-ray machine as long as it operates properly. The current total toward the new x-ray machine is eighteen thousand dollars. We will probably need at least another ten to twenty thousand dollars before the purchase is possible. With your help, we will continue saving until we reach our goal. Possibly the price will come down by the time that we are ready to make a purchase. If you contribute to this fund, please mark your check accordingly.

The donation of supplies that we use on a daily basis is a huge saving to our general operating fund. Supplies that we use on a daily basis are as follows: bleach, Clorox/Lysol wipes, paper towels, cleaning supplies, such as pine cleaners, mops, brooms, and window washing liquid, postage stamps, canned food (preferably Iams, Science Diet, Friskies, or Fancy Feast), toilet paper, and facial tissues. These donations save the cats' funds and our time that would be spent on shopping. Other items that are needed are cat oriented 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.

As we stated in the last newsletter, we always need more volunteers to take care of the cats' needs and clean their housing areas. The rewards for being a volunteer are many. You get purrs, rubs, a cat in your lap, or occasionally a cat on your back, lots of cat hair on your clothes, and seeing smiling, furry faces that say thank you. In our crazy, busy world, these are the rewards that really mean something. You have enriched their lives with each visit, and they have certainly enriched yours.

Please consider being a volunteer. It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and you will be so happy that you did help. Of course you can spend longer than two hours if you wish. Please call to offer your help.

If you would like to help in a direct way for 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.

The final wish is for donations for the purchase of new heating/air conditioning units. We recently replaced one unit that had failed, and the other two are currently working fine; however we realize it is only a matter of time before the other two units will fail. They are all about the same age. Unfortunately the ammonia in cat urine damages the coils in the units which are commercial package units. Although we change filters weekly, there is still damage that cannot be avoided with the population that we have. We want to start saving for these replacements before the need arises. Any donations will be appreciated, and we will save these funds for this use. Please designate it on your check.

The cats thank you for your donations to any of these requests, and wish you a happy holiday season. Your help makes it possible for these once unwanted cats to enjoy being loved and cared for in a home environment.

Holiday Greenery and Plant Sale

The order blank for the holiday greenery and plants is included in this newsletter. 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 10th.** The greenery and plants will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 24th 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 the greenery and plants, your home will be decorated and ready for 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 3rd, and for Christmas, the orders must be in by December 8th. **Please include your payment with your order and mark for which holiday your order is needed.** The pies will be available on November 17th and December 22nd after 10:00am.

Holiday Bazaars

The holiday bazaars will be held at The Tenth Life on November 24th and December 15th from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have many new items and our regular inventory of catnip toys, The Tenth Life apparel, collectibles, Entertainment books, novelty t-shirts and sweatshirts, original-design Christmas cards, Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, and many, many more items for

your shopping convenience. Please attend and help the cats.

Holiday Bake Sale

We have helped you with your holiday shopping and now we can help you with your holiday baking. The bake sale will be held on December 15th from 10:00am-5:00pm. If you have attended these bake sales before, you know how delicious the baked goods are and what an unbelievable variety of cookies, cakes, breads, and candies that we have. Last year, there were about sixty varieties for your choosing. By coming to this sale, you can save many hours in the kitchen baking a few varieties, and offer your family and guests a wide selection of holiday goodies. Please remember all of the proceeds benefit the cats; this sale is pure profit for the cats. All of the baked goods are donated by our generous supporters. Simply come, make your selections, and make a donation to the cats. It could not be easier, and you will have more time for other holiday demands.

Home Again Microchips

We have two suggestions to offer you about the Home Again microchips implanted in your cats that were adopted from The Tenth Life. The first suggestion is to call Home Again and be sure that your furry friend is registered. When a cat is adopted from The Tenth Life, we register the cat the next day on the Home Again web site. Recently, a cat adopted from The Tenth Life was found by a kind individual. When she contacted Home Again, she was told that the microchip was provided to The Tenth Life, but was never registered to an adopter. As we know that this was an oversight on the part of Home Again, we are asking you to please contact them (1-888-466-3242) to be certain that all information is correct and is recorded in their system. This could save you much heartache if your beloved pet is ever lost.

The second data point is that you might at some time receive a letter from Home Again telling you that you need to pay a yearly fee to keep your pet registered. This is misleading. When we purchase the microchips, we

pay a one-time permanent registration fee for the cat. What the letter is really asking you to do is to pay this fee to continue having pet insurance and other extraneous benefits. If you desire to continue having these benefits, that is fine, but do not think that fee is required to continue to have your cat registered in their system. If you have any questions about the Home Again chips, please call us or Home Again. We wanted to keep you up-to-date.

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had three fund raisers. The Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival on September 8th and 9th was a little short of last year's sales. We raised eighteen hundred dollars for the cats and met many old friends plus made new friends. It was an enjoyable event. The Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 13th was also profitable with over one thousand dollars. We thank our booth workers and shoppers.

Our big event for this period was the annual dinner and auctions. This year we changed from spaghetti to lasagna, and the change was well appreciated. We had so many comments that the lasagna was delicious. Everyone seemed to love it. In addition to the delicious dinner, we had a live auction and a silent auction. There were thirty tables of silent auction items. Everyone had a fun time bidding. We even had a licensed massage therapist giving massages for our visitors' relaxation, and her fees were donated to The Tenth Life. The final tally is fourteen thousand six hundred dollars (greater than last year) for the cats.

There are so many people that we want to thank for their help with this event. We want to thank Routsong Funeral Home 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 hundreds 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 almost non-existent. We cannot believe the generosity of the businesses and individuals who contributed auction items. We thank everyone who contributed items. We worked with Penny of Belmont Catering to provide the delicious dinner that was served. This is the third year that we have used Belmont Catering, and they are true professionals and very helpful. 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. Christopher's Restaurant donated the fresh flowers for the tables. As always, our bakers contributed the most delicious desserts 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.

Current Fund Raisers

Most of our current fund raisers have already been addressed in the gift section of this newsletter. However, we do want to remind you to please register your Kroger Plus Card with Kroger using our code. You simply register your Kroger Plus Card on line at Kroger's web site, www.krogercommunityrewards.com and designate "The Tenth Life" and code **80591** as your supported agency. Please see our previous newsletters for complete instructions on registering your Plus Card. If you do not have internet access, you can ask a friend to register your card or you can call The Tenth Life so that we can register your card for you. Simply give us the number on your card. At the end of each calendar quarter, Kroger will send us a check. Every time you shop at Kroger, use your Plus Card at the checkout, as you always do, and your purchase will be added to The Tenth Life amount. For the first quarter, we received fifteen hundred dollars for three months. This is more than we received under

the old system. If you have not registered your card please do so, and help The Tenth Life. This is an easy way to help without expending any of your own funds.

Another way that you can help without donating any of your own dollars is by transferring your Speedy Rewards to The Tenth Life. You can donate your Speedy Reward Points to The Tenth Life by going on-line to Speedway's web site or call 1-800-643-1948 and ask for **extension 7743**. You simply transfer your points to the following card – 404440 098106 in the name of Jerry Kerns. When we have enough points, we get a free Visa gift card to use for the purchase of supplies for the cats. Please do not allow your points to go unused, consider transferring them to the card number shown above and help the cats save their funds. It is easy.

Future Fund Raisers

Please remember the pie sales, the bake sale, the greenery and plant sale, and the two bazaars at The Tenth Life. Making these purchases from The Tenth Life will make your holiday less stressful as you can do much of your holiday shopping for gifts and baking needs with us and help the cats.

Reminders

If you have not already indicated to us your choice of method of receiving the newsletter, (mail or e-mail) please contact us. The address and phone number are listed below. The e-mail address is jlotsacats@aol.com. We are trying to convert as many recipients of the

newsletter as possible to e-mail notification to save costs on printing and mailing. Please help us with this effort.

Your support of our requests for aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons has been overwhelming. Please continue saving them. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from drink and pet food cans to spouting and siding. **Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum.** (A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals.) 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. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag or box with the code and send it to us. Please save any ink cartridges for us to recycle and earn rewards. We also appreciate your saving coupons for cat food, Fresh Step or Yesterday's News cat litter, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. All of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. If you cannot bring the aluminum to us, we can transport it for you. The Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons can be sent to the post office box.

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



The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 3, 2012 (Thanksgiving) or December 8, 2012 (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 Nov17, 2012 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 22, 2012 (Christmas)

