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Another edition of The Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition, we will display the calendar of events, inform you about the past and current feature cats, provide another heart-warming story about two kittens from The Tenth Life that have found a loving home, pay tribute to a special kitty who recently passed away, request special items, announce an item for sale, update you about the three-dollar campaign, offer the monthly supply donation list, give you the details about the annual dinner and auction in September, remind you about the Speedy Rewards program, notify you about the past, current and future fund raisers and list some important reminders.

Calendar of Events

Our calendar of upcoming events is shown below. Please remember these dates to support the cats of The Tenth Life.

Speedy Rewards	Now
Aluminum, Pennies, Paw Points	Now
Three Dollar Campaign Continues	Now
Entertainment Books Arrive	Aug 4 th
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep 6 th and 7 th
Last Day for Donations to the Auction	Sep 15 th
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	Sep 21 st
Start of United Way Campaign	Sep 1 st
Start of Combined Federal Campaign	Oct 1 st
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 11 th

Feature Cats

We reported in the last newsletter that Tigress and Harley had not been adopted. Since then, they were adopted to a supporter of The Tenth Life. They are adjusting well and enjoying their new life with their new 'dad.' They are being spoiled.

From the last newsletter, both Montoya and Loki have been adopted. Montoya was adopted to a single lady, and Loki was adopted to a family with another male cat. They are both adjusting to their new homes and are receiving lots of love and attention. We are very happy for all of these cats.



Our new feature cats are Lt. Danielle and Chloe and Pepsi. Lt. Danielle is a gray and white female kitten who is about five months old. Her rear legs did not develop properly. The lower half of each rear leg, and the feet are missing. She is perfectly normal in all other ways. She is named after the character, Lt. Dan, in the movie Forrest Gump who lost his legs in the war. Her best friend, Chloe, is about four months and is an orange tiger. Chloe was found with a severe eye infection that was treated too late. She is blind in that eye. Both have short-hair. They love to wrestle and chase. They play so rough that you would think that they are hurting each other, but they are not. They are just typical kittens in a game of rough-housing. We would love for them to be adopted together because they have so much fun together.

Pepsi is a black and white short-hair female who was found in Huber Heights being attacked by a dog. Her injuries were mostly just bruising, but she was traumatized. She is about four years old and super loving. Pepsi is a round girl with short legs. She is fine with other cats and even tolerates Lt. Danielle and Chloe chasing around the room. As soon as you approach her, she rolls over and begs to be petted and loved. She follows you around the room, always wanting more petting and talking to you.

Any of these cats would be wonderful pets and would enhance your life. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars for years of love and entertainment. Please call for an appointment.

Heart-Warming Story

The special story for this newsletter is about two kittens who were adopted together. They are Lexie and Jumper. They were found in Kettering as feral kittens last summer. We worked with them to tame them, but they were still very shy. A family with two sons fell in love with them when they visited The Tenth Life to adopt. They had seen several cats that they liked, but for some reason, were really attracted to the two kittens even though they were so shy. Lexie relaxed pretty quickly with the father, but Jumper took longer to allow herself to be petted. By the time they were ready to leave Jumper was purring, and the decision to choose these two was made. At first they were caged, then allowed to come out of the cage into their room. The family worked with them every day to gain their trust as they were truly frightened by their new surroundings. Lexie was the first to be brave enough to explore the rest of the house, and Jumper followed very cautiously. They have been in their new home for several months and are loving being a part of the family. Their new family was very patient with them and worked very hard to make sure the new family members felt comfortable and loved. They are so fortunate to have been feral strays and now have a home where they are loved and cherished. We thank this family for choosing the two little girls who needed a home so much and needed so much time and patience to adjust.

Tribute to a Special Kitty

We want to pay tribute to a special kitty at The Tenth Life who recently passed away. Most of you did not know Frankie, but the volunteers loved him dearly. He came to us with a group of cats from a long-time friend. His "mom" died of cancer, a few months after being diagnosed, and all of her cats came to The Tenth Life. He was sixteen when he arrived. After his initial health

workup, he moved to a room, but did not adjust well to the new surroundings. We brought him back into the health care facility where he lived for the rest of his time. He was in the room where new cats are until they are ready to move into rooms in the other buildings. Several kittens came into the same room over time and he accepted every one of them. He seemed to be their "grandfather." He would cuddle with them or they cuddled with him. When you would walk into the room they would be on the counter wrapped around their buddy. Sometimes they would have their legs over him or vice versa. He was always in the center of the pile of kittens. When they played with his tail, he would allow it for a short while and then gently reprimand them for their mis-behavior. After the kittens one-by-one moved to their rooms, he had a chance to rest. Even at his age of seventeen, he could jump from the incubator to the top of the cages for naps. One day he had a slight head-tilt and was lethargic. Although Dr. Jennie treated him for about two weeks, his condition progressively worsened, and we all lost a favorite friend. There has been much sadness in the health care facility, but we are so glad that we were able to meet and love our Frankie. He will live in our hearts.

Request for Items

In planning for our dinner and auction, we have determined three needs that we have for the dinner and auction. We have the meal well planned and have received donations from local businesses for the salad bar. Belmont Catering will be supplying the main course, and our supporters will be donating the baked goods for dessert and the bake sale. We are still needing soft drinks for our diners who do not want the tea or coffee that comes with the meal. The volunteers who make the beautiful basket selections need baskets for their creations. All sizes are needed. They do not need to be new but must be clean and in great shape. The third request is for jewelry. We all have jewelry in our collection that we no longer like or wear. If you donate these jewelry items to the auction, they will help the cats as jewelry is always a great seller in the auction. We plan to have a special display of jewelry at the auction for your shopping convenience.

A Special Item for Sale

Unfortunately, earlier this year our surgical laser stopped working. It was ten years old, and we decided that it would be smarter to replace it rather than paying three to five thousand dollars for repair. With the advancement of this type of technology, lasers have been improving drastically. When we purchased the new laser at a remarkable price, the salesman gave us a trade-in credit for the old laser and allowed us to keep the old laser to sell and make some funding for the cats. It can be repaired or could be used as trade-in on a new laser. Either way it could be a valuable purchase for someone needing a surgical laser. If anyone is interested, you can contact The Tenth Life at (937) 376-5550 for more information.

Three-Dollar Campaign

The three-dollar campaign is on-going. To date, the cats have received eighty-seven hundred dollars from this campaign. With a goal of thirteen to fourteen thousand dollars, we still have a ways to go to reach the goal. We thank everyone who has already donated. If you have planned to donate, but have not already done so, please mail your donation today. We need everyone to participate to reach our goal. You may think that because of the small amount, it does not matter if you participate in this fundraiser. However, the cats really need these funds to continue to enjoy a comfortable life at The Tenth Life. Three dollars is such a small amount for us to request, but when these donations reach a total of fourteen thousand dollars, it just shows how such a small amount from everyone on our mailing list adds up to the total and makes a huge difference to the funding. This is such an easy way to help the cats, and our volunteers do not have to work long hours on this fund raiser. They can spend more time with the cats to make them feel loved. Please do not delay and do not forget to mail your donation. The cats are waiting for your help. If you are planning on attending the dinner and auction, you can also donate your three dollars at the dinner in September. We will have a container on the front table for your donations. We try to make it super easy to donate your three dollars to the cats.

Monthly Donation of Supplies

The list of supplies that can be donated by month are shown below. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown on the back of this newsletter. Thanks for your help with these supply needs. Your donations save our funding for other purposes for the cats.

July	Paper Towels
August	Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes - Walgreen
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2015 Cat Calendars

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

The volunteers are very busy making plans for the dinner (\$10.00) and auction on **September 21st**. The event will run from **2:00-5:30pm at VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton Xenia Road in Beavercreek**. This is the same location as last year. This is a half hour shorter than in previous years. Some visitors have stated that they feel it lasts too long. It is very difficult to reduce the time very much. With the number of tables of silent auction items that we have (approximately forty-four), we must allow our supporters sufficient time to arrive, enjoy the delicious dinner, and make their bids on several items that they want. Of course, there also has to be time to watch your bid and increase it, if necessary, before the tables start to close. In addition, with the number of tables that we have to close, it takes an extended amount of time to close all of the tables, organize the bid sheets by customer bid number, total them, and have them ready for check out.

We are always looking for ways to improve the checkout process. This was one of the major discussions in our first planning meeting. The checkout always seems to be very time consuming. We realize that people want to pay for their purchases and be able to leave, but we do need time to organize the bid sheets after the

tables close. We try to be efficient with the process, but it still takes a great deal of time. Hopefully, we can develop a new method that will be less time consuming and more efficient. If you have suggestions for improving the process, please provide them to us.

There will be a change this year in the ways that you can pay for your purchases. We will only be able to accept cash or check. **No Credit or Debit Cards will be accepted.** When we established an account with the financial institution to allow The Tenth Life to accept credit cards, we were assured that there would never be a monthly charge for the service. Unfortunately, this spring they began applying a twenty-dollar monthly fee whether or not we had any charges. This was unacceptable, and we cancelled the service. We checked with other financial institutions, but all had a monthly fee. Paying this fee would take funds away from the cats, and we were not willing to do this. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we cannot afford to pay a monthly fee for a service that we use one day a year. Please plan accordingly when you make your purchases.

Another change this year is that there will **not** be a live auction. Unfortunately, there has never been great participation in the live auction. A few people made bids, but the majority of the people did not, and the live auction was rather time-consuming. We apologize to those of you who enjoy the live auction, but to shorten the time of the event, we have made this decision. Larger-ticket items that would normally be in the live auction will now be on the silent auction tables. If you do not like to bid in the live auction but are interested in any of the items, you can make your bids in the silent auction.

For those of you who have attended this event in the past, you know the selection of items is unbelievable. With approximately forty-four tables of silent auction items, you can find almost anything that you want. We have gift certificates from many of the local businesses, baskets of gorgeous items, jewelry, clothing, etc. Be prepared to bid, bring cash or load your checking account with enough funds to make all of your purchases. You do not want to miss the chance to purchase everything that you want.

We are anticipating closing tables every fifteen minutes beginning at 3:30pm. Be sure to come early enough that you can see all of the auction items and make your bids. Remember that you may need to adjust your bid several times to assure that you have the highest bid and can take home the items that you want. When you make your bids, be sure that you abide by the incremental amount that is shown on each bid sheet. Your bid must be at least as much as the incremental amount shown. It can be more if you choose. If you do not make an appropriate bid, your bid will not count and you will be disappointed.

We are anticipating having one trip to offer this year. It will be within the states, possibly Las Vegas. As soon as we have the arrangements made, we will post all the information on our web site and Facebook. If you would be interested in a trip to a particular location, please notify us, and we will try to find an exciting package to your destination.

The dinner, which will be served during the entire event, will include meat or meatless lasagna, a salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and dessert. The cost is ten dollars. If you prefer to only have a salad, you can have the all-you-can-eat salad bar for six dollars. We will also have soft drinks or bottled water (flavored or unflavored) available for one dollar per can or bottle. Tickets for the dinner will be purchased at the door.

We will be offering a bake sale at the event this year. Our bake sales are so well received, and our bakers make such delicious baked goods, that we decided to offer them at this event. We will do as we do at all bake sales. You choose your baked goods and make a donation for them. It saves us time because we do not have to price each variety, and you pay what you feel is a fair, reasonable price for your purchase. We all win and the cats receive more funds. If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale or for dessert for the dinner, they can be brought to the VFW Post on Saturday or Sunday for the event.

As always, we will have our table of The Tenth Life merchandise and a 50/50 raffle. We will have our T-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts, catnip toys, Christmas

and note cards, etc. With the raffle, the winner receives half of the funds from the sale of tickets, and The Tenth Life keeps the other half. The tickets sell for one dollar each or six for five dollars. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning.

We will be accepting new or antique items for the auction through September 15th. All types of items are appreciated. Of course, those with a cat theme, are the favorites. Your donations can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown at the end of this newsletter or we can arrange for pick-up, if needed.

If you would like to help with the setup of the auction items on Saturday, September 20th or help at the event please contact us. On the day of the event, we need volunteers to man the auction tables, serve the meal, clean tables, work check-in and check-out, and help with tear-down and clean-up at the end of the event. We need approximately forty helpers on this day. Please consider helping with these event activities, as it is a rewarding team experience.

Speedy Rewards

Please keep earning, saving, and transferring your Speedy Rewards 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.

Past Fund Raisers

The Easter pie sale was very successful. We sold sixty-one pies at a profit of nearly two hundred dollars. We thank everyone who purchased pies for their Easter dinner. The next pie sales will be for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

On the same day as the pie sale, we had a bake sale. We had twenty-seven varieties of cookies, candies and cup cakes. We made a profit of five hundred and thirty dollars for the cats. The baked goods were so delicious. Everyone loved them. We thank our sensational bakers and all of the supporters who made purchases. The cats truly appreciate your help.

The annual plant sale was another great fund raiser for the cats. We sold over twenty-five thousand dollars of plants at a profit of nearly ten thousand dollars or forty percent. The plants were truly beautiful and so healthy. We thank Furst the Florist and Garden Center for providing the plants for our sale. Our wonderful volunteers worked so hard sorting the plants into nearly two hundred orders, checking the orders for accuracy, and helping the customers with loading their orders. To our supporters, who purchased the gorgeous plants, we say a huge thank-you. You made this sale another successful one. We exceeded last year's sale by about five hundred dollars. Our plant sale has increased each year thanks to our faithful supporters. Please remember The Tenth Life for all of your plant needs next year.

On June 14th, The Tenth Life participated in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. We made a profit of eleven hundred and eighty-seven dollars for the cats' care. This was the most profitable Street Fair for several years. The weather was perfect and the turn-out was tremendous. Last year at the same sale the cats earned a profit of nine hundred and seventy dollars. What a difference good weather makes. Also, this year's street fair did not have to compete with the Strawberry Festival in Troy. Thank you to everyone who made purchases or donations and our volunteers who worked the event. We plan to attend again on October 10th.

Current Fund Raisers

Please do not forget your donation for the three-dollar campaign. The cats are counting on you to help them.

We wanted to remind you that we are registered with **Amazon Smile**. When you are going to make a purchase on Amazon, 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 ten percent of 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 you are 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 the cats will be thrilled with the furniture.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) sweatshirts (\$25.00), and tote bags (\$25.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple, navy, bright red, cardinal, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue 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, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. The totes are large and come in gray with black trim and have many inside pockets.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. Our volunteer, who crochets catnip toys, has designed some new toys. One is a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted rope that hangs from a door knob (\$5.00). We had a few of these at Street Fair, and they sold out almost immediately. She is also working on a crocheted bird. As always, we have crocheted catnip mice, fish, octopus, snakes, cubes, and cylinders with bells inside (\$3.00),

and small and large balls (\$2.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), felt fish (\$3.00), catnip filled tubes with feathers on the end (\$5.00), and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Furry and crocheted beds (\$10.00), 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 new note cards have been selling very well. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. Of course there is a cat on the face of the card and they are blank on the inside.

All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage**. We had to increase the postage a little as our estimate was a little low. We know that you will love any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$3.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, and Tote Bags	\$3.00
Catnip Toys	\$2.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators, Cards	\$4.00

Future Fund Raisers

The 2015 Entertainment books arrive the week of August 4th and will sell for thirty dollars. We will have the complimentary 2014 books to give to you when you purchase your 2015 book. This is a twenty-five dollar value that can be used through the end of October. We also have books for Cincinnati and Columbus which sell for thirty dollars. The 2015 books will be available at The Tenth Life, at the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival, at Street Fair, and by mail for an extra three dollars for shipping. They will save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars. The cats receive profits from each book sold.

The Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival is scheduled for September 6th and 7th on Dayton Xenia Road in Beaver Creek. We assume that our booth will be in the same location which is near the entrance to McDonalds.

The hours are 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. We will offer our great selection of catnip toys, bedding, The Tenth Life apparel, note cards and Christmas cards, collectibles, Furminators, Pet Hair Magnets, etc. Please visit our booth, tell us about your cats, and make a purchase for you, your cat, a friend or a relative. See you there.

Please mark your calendar for a fun-filled day at our annual dinner and auction on **September 21st from 2:00-5:30pm at VFW Post 8312 on Dayton Xenia Road in Beavercreek.** In addition to the dinner, auction and bake sale, our merchandise from The Tenth Life will also be available. We promise that you will have a great time.

On October 10th, we plan on participating in the Yellow Springs Street Fair in space 212. Street Fair is always a great opportunity for The Tenth Life volunteers to meet other cat lovers and sell our items to help the cats. Street Fair is one of our best venues for selling our cat-related items. Hope to see you there.

The United Way (UW) and Combined Federal Campaigns (CFC) begin this fall. The UW drive begins in September and the CFC drive begins in October. For the UW campaign, you must write-in The Tenth Life, Pet Therapy Program, P.O. Box 178, Alpha, Ohio 45301 to make a donation to the cats. For CFC, The Tenth Life is listed in their directory of organizations as Tenth Life. Our number is **32031. Please use this number to designate your donations for The Tenth Life.** We will be notified in the March/April, 2015 timeframe of donations made to The Tenth Life. We will send acknowledgement letters after the notification to us. If you want to be able to be sure that we receive your donation, please mark on your donor sheet that you want an acknowledgement. Your name and address will appear on the list that we receive, and we can assure you that your donation came to The Tenth Life.

Reminders

If you have still not indicated to us your choice of method of receiving the newsletter by mail or by e-mail.

please contact us. The address and phone number are listed at the end of this newsletter. The e-mail address is jlotsacats@aol.com. If receiving e-mail notification is convenient for you, please notify us, and we will convert you. If you prefer receiving the mailed copy tell us this, and we will continue sending a hard copy to you. Simply let us know your preference. If you have already answered this request, you do not need to respond again.

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/twelve 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 or Clorox), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from cans (pet food, soft drink or beer) to siding and spouting. **Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals.** 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.

Hours of Operation:

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

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