

Sandbox Gazette

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In the last edition of The Sandbox Gazette for 2017, we updated the calendar of events for the remainder of the year, tell you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, present a heartwarming story, provide an eulogy for our last dog, give the status of the three-dollar campaign, let you know about our enrollment in Thrivent Choice, show the cats' Christmas wish list, request craft items for our bazaars, inform you about matching donations, announce the dates for the pictures with Santa, include the order blanks for the holiday greenery and plants and the holiday pies, notify you about the holiday bake sale and bazaars, offer a holiday gift idea, display the monthly supply list, discuss the past, current, and future fund raisers, and list reminders.

sit on his owners' laps and be petted for hours. Donald and Kiefer, have been adopted to a couple. They have adjusted very well to their new home and their new sister. They are all enjoying the good life.

Our new feature cats are a litter of three kittens, Winkin, Blinkin, and Nod (eight months), Bubba who loves other cats, and Snickers, who needs to be an only cat.



Calendar of Events

The calendar of events is provided below.

Entertainment Books	Now
\$3.00 Campaign	Now
CFC Campaign	Oct
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 14 th
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 4 th
Greenery/Plant Orders Due	Nov 11 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up	Nov 18 th
Greenery and Plant Pick Up	Nov 25 th
First Holiday Bazaar	Nov 25 th
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 9 th
Pictures with Santa	Dec 9 th , 10 th , 16 th , 17 th
Christmas Pie Pick Up	Dec 23 rd
Christmas Bake Sale	Dec 23 rd
Second Holiday Bazaar	Dec 23 rd

Winkin, Blinkin, and Nod arrived when they were about nine weeks old. They were born to a feral Mom but were handled from the time they were born by the person who found them. Winkin is tiger, Blinkin is tortie, and Nod is black. They are all short hair and very sweet. They love to play and then crash and burn for long naps. They are typical kittens and have never met a stranger. They would add such fun and joy to your home.

Bubba is about three years old and was feral when he arrived with five Siamese from a parking lot. He would strike at anyone who tried to clean his cage. In a short time he was the lovey one. He is short and round and has handsome tiger markings. He enjoys sitting on laps and cuddling with the other cats. His favorite spot is on top of the cat tree, often with one of the Siamese he knows.

Snickers (2 years) is the last kitty for this newsletter. She was found as a stray in Beavercreek. At first she was feisty with everyone, but now is great with people but still is not very fond of other cats. She is positive that they are inferior to her. Snickers is a small cat and has beautiful tiger stripes. She likes to be petted and will climb onto laps for quiet conversations.

Feature Cats

We are happy to tell you that all of the cats from the previous newsletter have been adopted. Kevin loves to

Of course, all are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, blood tested, and microchipped. The adoption fee is seventy-five dollars and adoptions are done by appointment. All the kitties are waiting for great homes.

Heartwarming Story

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about two ferals that were adopted together during the spring. They were Lyn and Sybil, or as they are now named, Gus and Greta. They had come to The Tenth Life separately, after being trapped but lived in the same room. Lyn came with his brother and mother and Sybil came by herself. They were both terribly wild and aggressive. Neither had been touched before arriving. All the volunteers worked with them to gain their confidence and help them adjust. After moving to their room, they hid and were terrified again from living in a cage to being loose in a room with other cats. They were both fine with the other cats. Of course they arrived in the room at different times. Lyn had learned to accept petting and would even jump in a lap on occasion. Sybil was too afraid to do that. She stopped hiding, but never really went to visitors for petting.

A woman who had adopted from The Tenth Life previously, came to adopt. She looked at all of the cats, but fell in love with Sybil, who was sitting on a window sill behind the cat tree, and Lyn who was cautiously coming for pets. She decided Lyn and Sybil would be her new cats and was willing to work with them and give them plenty of time to adjust to a new environment. She took them home and introduced them to their new room and their new home. Because they were so shy, we agreed that one room was a better choice than giving them access to the entire house at first. She was very patient with them and worked with them every day to help them acclimate to their new surroundings. After a while, she began letting them out of the room so they could examine the entire house. Unfortunately, Lyn slipped out of the house and was missing for eleven days. After trying for six days to find him, she called us and gave us the bad news. We offered a humane trap to use to capture him. She used the trap for four days without success, but on the morning of the fifth day, he was in the trap at

daylight when she checked it. She and her husband carried the trap into the house and into the cats' room. When they opened the trap, he ran out into the room and was terrified. Sybil saw him and seemed to wonder why a new cat had entered her room. He no longer smelled like Lyn but rather the outdoors. Of course, she hissed at him and made him even more afraid. After about a day of readjusting to their room, Lyn decided that he would now act like any other cat and be lovable. He was undoubtedly so happy to be back inside and safe. He no longer acted afraid or feral. Sybil disliked him for a couple of days but then decided that he was indeed the same cat who had shared the room before his escape. They decided that they liked to be petted on their terms. Sybil is still cautious and will only accept being petted when she feels completely safe, but Lyn thinks that being petted is the best thing in the world. They now have access to the entire house and a large sun room where they love to take long naps in the sunshine that comes through the windows. They are both still afraid of new things and noises, but have made significant strides toward being well-adjusted, loving cats. Gus and Greta now have the good life.

Eulogy for Joe Boxer

Many of you have visited The Tenth Life and met Joe Boxer, our last dog. Joe was found running up and down the center line in front of the property many years ago as a young dog. Early his year, Joe began having problems with walking. We tried many different medications, but nothing seemed to help very much in the long run. We decided to take him to a neurologist in Cincinnati for an evaluation. He was diagnosed with a degenerative spinal problem that is very common in Boxers. We were told as time went on, his problem would become more severe, leading to his inability to even stand. We were also told that the problem would eventually affect his front legs. We considered buying a cart for him, but with the quickness of the progression, we decided that it would not be wise. In April, we had to make the difficult decision to end his life and his discomfort. That morning, we gave him all the treats that he wanted and sat with him for hours. We were petting him as the injection was being given. He passed peacefully as we all cried. We miss him

so much and his room is so empty when we pass through it. We think he enjoyed his life and all of the attention he received from the volunteers and visitors. He was a wonderful dog who brought much joy during his eleven years at The Tenth Life. Thank you Joe Boxer!!!

Status of \$3.00 Campaign

As we had wished, the three-dollar campaign has brought in more funding than ever before. The total currently stands at twenty-five thousand, three hundred dollars. This helps to offset some of the shortage created by not having an auction this year. We are still accepting donations to this fund. If you have not yet made your donation to this fund, please send it now and help the cats. They look forward to hearing from you. If you have donated already, thank you for your support.

Thrivent Financial

The Tenth Life has applied and was accepted in Thrivent Choice, which is a member-advised program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach funds each year. When eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars to a charitable organization, Thrivent forwards these dollars to that charity. If you are a member please consider The Tenth Life for donations or contact Thrivent Choice to enroll.

Cats' Christmas Wish List

After we close at night, the cats get very busy and work on their Christmas wish list. They have compiled their wishes so that we can pass them on to our supporters for holiday donations. They have five wishes. They are donations for three small pieces of specialized equipment, donations to the general operating fund, donations of supplies, more volunteers, and more sponsors for the cats.

The three pieces of equipment range in cost from fifty dollars to about three thousand dollars. All of the items involve the eyes. They are an Eye Surgery Pack (\$400), a

Tono Pen (\$3,000) which is used to check a cat's eye pressure, and a cobalt blue penlight (\$50) which is for examining eye ulcers.

The general operating fund is used for day-to-day expenses, such as food, litter, insurance, doctor's salary, etc. These are the funds that keep the organization operating. Your donations to this fund make it possible for the cats to live in a home environment until they can find a loving home for the rest of their lives. Please help.

The donation of supplies is always a generous way of contributing to the cats. The supplies that we use on a daily basis are paper towels, wet wipes, bleach, sponge mops and refills, postage stamps and canned cat food (Friskies, Iams, or Fancy Feast). They can be brought to The Tenth life during our hours of operation. These donations save the general operating fund.

There is always a need for more volunteers to care for the cats and perform other duties. The volunteers maintain the cats' rooms so that they are clean, and the cats are comfortable. Everyday the rooms are cleaned, litter boxes are scooped, food is added and water bowls are emptied, cleaned, and refilled. It takes about nine volunteers each day to maintain the rooms. The more volunteers we have, the more time the volunteers have to interact with the cats and provide attention. Most volunteers work for about two hours, but some spend more time depending on their availability. There is also a need for volunteers to work at our booth at festivals. We try to have shifts of volunteers rather than their having to work the entire day. If any of these volunteer opportunities appeal to you and work with your schedule, please call The Tenth Life. We can use more help.

The last request is for sponsors for more of the cats. Currently about two hundred of the cats have sponsors. The rest feel badly because they do not have a special person to be their friend. For only ten dollars per month, you can sponsor one of the cats and enrich his or her life. The cats with sponsors always feel special because they know that there are extra funds to help with their needs. Of course, all of the cats receive the same care, but the ones with sponsors believe they have special benefits. When you sponsor a cat, you receive a letter from the cat

about its background and its life at The Tenth Life. When the cat is adopted, you receive a letter informing you of the adoption, and an offer to sponsor another. This is a great way to help a cat and be a best friend to one individual cat. Please consider helping this way.

A wish from past years has finally been realized. The alarm system has been installed. Fortunately, we were able to not only provide for break-in protection, but also for fire protection. We truly appreciate everyone's donations who contributed to this fund raiser. We are so happy that the cats now have this system, and we all can feel more secure about their safety.

Request for Craft Items

With the holidays and our associated bazaars quickly approaching, we would like to request craft items for these bazaars. We can use any type of craft items, but cat related ones are great sellers. In years past, we had many supporters who made craft items, but many of those have moved or have stopped making crafts. A new selection of craft items would enhance our sales at these events. The crafts can be holiday related or not. A nice variety would be wonderful to have. If you have any questions about this request, please call us.

Matching Gifts from Companies

We are hearing more and more about companies that encourage their employees to make donations to charities. In an effort to further this policy, many of the companies will match your donations to the charities. Some even double or triple your donation amount to your charity. This is a wonderful way to help The Tenth Life and make your donations even larger without any further outlay of your funds. It is a good idea to check with your employer to see if they offer any such program. If they do, they usually have a form that the charity needs to complete and return to the company. You can send the form with your donation, and we will finish the process. These corporate donations really help with the funding. This is an easy way to make your donation even larger and take advantage of your employer's generosity.

Pictures with Santa

We have the dates for pictures with Santa set with Pet Supplies Plus in Beavercreek, Centerville, and Kettering. The dates are December 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th. The hours on Saturdays are noon – 3:00pm and on Sundays 1:00 – 4:00pm. The cost is ten dollars per picture. Of the pictures taken, you can choose the one you prefer for printing. The color picture will be 6" x 8" and will be placed in a picture folder for display. The pictures are taken with a digital camera so that they are a nice quality. You can have a treasured picture of your pet for only ten dollars and help the cats of The Tenth Life. Please plan to bring your pet during those hours. Last year another business was doing free pictures with Santa, but you had to print your picture at home, from an email, on your paper, and there was no folder for display. Ours is a nicer package and easier for you. See you at Pet Supplies Plus.

Holiday Greenery and Plants

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, you will want to think about your holiday greenery and plant needs. We are again offering wreaths and roping and Christmas plants. The wreaths and roping are coming from the same supplier, and the plants are from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The order blank is in this newsletter. Please refer to it for types and sizes of wreaths and plants and their respective prices. Also on the order blank is the white pine roping sold by the foot. In addition, this year we have two sizes of grave wreath display stands (24" and 30"). Please send your order with payment to The Tenth Life by November 11th. Pick up date is November 25th. We will have extras available, but for the best selection, please preorder.

Holiday Pie Sales

Also in this newsletter is the order blank for the Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales. The pies are from Mehaffie's Pie Peddler. The prices have not changed. They are nine dollars for the regular pies and ten dollars for the special pies. We need your order for Thanksgiving pies by November 4th for pick-up on

November 18th. For Christmas pies, the orders are needed by December 9th and the pies will be available on December 23rd. Please send payment with your orders. For everyone who has purchased these pies, you know they are delicious. If you have not had these pies, you are missing a real treat. In addition, you can save many hours of preparation and help the cats. With these pies you can get different flavors to offer your family and friends a nice variety. We will have extras available, but we may not have all flavors. Pre-ordering is the best.

Holiday Bake Sale

The Christmas bake sale is on December 23rd from 10:00am-5:00pm. We always have baked goods left at the end of the day; therefore, if you would like to come on Christmas Eve day we can still satisfy your needs for baked goods. We usually have about fifty varieties of baked goods, including cookies, candy, cakes, and cupcakes for this sale. We should have our usual bakers and can always use more. The better the variety, the better the sales are for the cats. Buying from our sale will save you many hours in the kitchen and will support the cats at the same time. Donations of baked goods can be brought to The Tenth Life from 3:00-6:00pm on Friday or on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00am. As always you make your selection and make a donation so that you pay what you feel is a fair price. See you at the sale. These delicious baked goods also make excellent gifts for friends and family. Many people would rather receive delicious homemade baked goods than a gift that they will never use. Do not miss this opportunity to have delicious baked goods without any of the work.

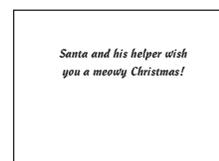
Holiday Bazaars

The two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life will be on Saturday, November 25th and December 23rd from 10:00am-5:00pm. We will have our huge selection of catnip toys, apparel for The Tenth Life, collectibles, cards, cat motif items, etc., and hopefully some new craft items for your shopping pleasure. Come and do your Christmas shopping for your cat-loving friends at The Tenth Life and support the cats at the same time. If these

dates are not convenient, we do leave the displays up between bazaars, and you can shop during our hours of operation, but not other hours.

2017 Christmas Card

Our original-design Christmas card is now available. Of course it features a cat. The cat is sitting in a Santa hat. Please see below. The design was created by the same artist/volunteer who has created the last several holiday cards and the note cards. We love the design and think you will also. There are ten cards and envelopes in a package for five dollars. The cards will be available at the bazaars or we can ship them to you. Please see the shipping chart at the end of the current fund raiser section of this newsletter. Your cat-loving friends will love receiving them, and they can make memorable gifts.



Make a Donation as a Holiday Gift

You, undoubtedly, have a friend on your gift list who is a cat-lover, but for whom you have no idea for a gift. You can make a donation to The Tenth Life in that person's honor. We will send a gift notification to him or her letting the person know of your generous donation (not amount) in their name. Your friend will not have another dust-catcher sitting on a shelf or any other item that is appreciated but not needed. You will be applauded for your generosity and creativity.

Monthly Supply Donations

The monthly supply donation list is provided below. Any supply donations can be made at any time and do not need to follow the list below. We appreciate all donations of supplies to help with expenses. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thanks for your help.

October	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2018 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

The only fund raiser since the last newsletter was the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival. It was very successful and profitable. We always enjoy seeing old friends and talking to new people. We made twenty-four hundred dollars for the cats. Thanks to everyone who purchased.

Current Fund Raisers

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is on-going at this time. Please remember The Tenth Life when you make your designations for your donations. The code for The Tenth Life is **32031**. Please remember that every penny that you donate to The Tenth Life is used directly for the cats' care. All work at The Tenth Life is performed by volunteers except for the medical care. This allows the dollars that are earned to spread further for the cats. When you donate through CFC, you can remain anonymous or you can request that your donation information be provided to The Tenth Life. If you give us the information, we will send an acknowledgement letter to you so that you can be sure that The Tenth Life received your donation and was not accidentally misdirected to another organization. Please remember **32031**. Thank you for your consideration.

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. Thanks!

We still have Entertainment books available. They are thirty dollars and make excellent gifts, not only for yourself, but for nearly everyone on your shopping list. They are also great for door prizes for holiday parties. They save hundreds of dollars and encourage everyone to

go out and have fun. They are at The Tenth Life or we can ship one to you. (See the postage chart.)

If you shop on Amazon for Christmas gifts, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. Please go to **Amazon Smile** and register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation of half of a percent for the purchase. This is another easy way to support The Tenth Life.

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.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$25.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, pale pink, jade, pistachio, spruce, sand, light sand, natural, purple, navy, bright red, cardinal, orange, forest green, stonewashed blue and green, light blue, Carolina blue, burgundy, deep teal, light steel, pebble, khaki, olive, and medium blue. We have the long sleeve t-shirts in natural, maroon, smoke gray, and deep royal blue. 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. See the chart for postage.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), small and large balls (\$2.00), teddy bears (\$6.00), and catnip door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00). Your cat(s) will love them.

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, with the front being a cat face, would make excellent Christmas gifts for your cat-loving friends. The inside is blank for your notes. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package.

These items make excellent presents for your cat friends and their people. All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage.**

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

Future Fund Raisers

The only future fund raiser to address now is the annual plant sale. The newsletter, with the order blank, will be sent in January or February. The plants will again be provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center. They have always supplied the plants for the sale and are always the best quality plants available. Last year we sold

twenty-six thousand dollars of plants. They were so beautiful, and the cost was competitive with other nurseries. Please be sure to plan to buy your plants from The Tenth Life and tell everyone you know about the sale. We would love to do even better next year. Please help us.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. 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.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday
12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

Address

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

Website:

thetenthlife.org



The Tenth Life Pie Sale



Orders, with payment, must be received by November 4, 2017 (Thanksgiving) or December 9, 2017 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.00 each)

Qty-Thanks Xmas \$

Apple	_____	_____	_____
Cherry	_____	_____	_____
Peach	_____	_____	_____
Dutch Apple	_____	_____	_____
Pecan	_____	_____	_____
Blueberry	_____	_____	_____
Coconut Cream	_____	_____	_____
Chocolate Cream	_____	_____	_____
Lemon Meringue	_____	_____	_____

Totals

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Pies available at The Tenth Life on Nov 18, 2017 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 23, 2017 (Christmas)



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CHRISTMAS GREENERY



- THE TENTH LIFE HAS CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS.
- MIXED WESTERN (16", 22" OR 30 " OUTSIDE DIAMETER), WHICH IS A SHORT AND LONG NEEDLE FIR.
- GREAT FOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE USE (WITH RED BOW AND PINE CONES).
- WREATH STANDS FOR GRAVES AVAILABLE IN TWO SIZES .
- WHITE PINE ROPING CUT TO DESIRED LENGTH.
- CYCLAMEN AND CHRISTMAS CACTUS IN 4" AND 6" POTS. AND IN 8" HANGING BASKETS.
- ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TENTH LIFE BY NOVEMBER 11, 2017.
- AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2017.
- 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" MIXED WESTERN @ \$18.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$22.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$28.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.75 PER FOOT(CUT TO LENGTH)	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS (4" Pot) @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CHRISTMAS CACTUS(6" Pot) @ \$11.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CYCLAMEN (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ CACTUS (8" Basket) @ \$15.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ WREATH STAND 20" @ \$4.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ WREATH STAND 30" @ \$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

NAME _____

TELEPHONE # _____