



over time, the cancer returned and she had to have him euthanized. She was devastated. He had been a feral and she worked very hard with him to make him her best friend. She visited all of the rooms and spent many hours on numerous trips in the room with her new chosen babies before taking them home. She picked sisters, Smudge and Flash. They were about two and a half years old and were both black and white. One was short hair, and one was long hair. They were also very shy and did not trust people very much. We had worked with them, but they were very afraid of strangers. She has been so patient with them and is making great strides with their socialization. Eventually they will be totally adjusted to their new home and new Mom. We are thrilled for them.

### **Addition to The Tenth Life Family**

We are happy to announce that Dr. Amanda has welcomed another daughter to her family. She and her husband, Matt, are parents to two daughters now. Marie is about two and a half and new daughter, Asnley, was born on Mar 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Amanda is on a nine week maternity leave and will return to The Tenth Life on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be happy to have her return. We have been very fortunate to have Dr. Jayme, who does our spay/neuters, to help us with our veterinary needs in Dr. Amanda's absence. We are very grateful to her for helping us with our veterinary care during Dr. Amanda's absence.

### **Kitten Season**

As we discussed in the last newsletter, kitten season has arrived. With the warmer weather, the female cats begin going into "heat" and are mating. We have already begun getting calls about kittens and have seen pregnant cats. Unfortunately, kitten season lasts until cold weather arrives. The gestation period for female cats is only sixty-three days, and a female can become pregnant only three days after giving birth to her litter. With these facts, it is no wonder that we cannot get ahead of the over-population problem. The best solution is spaying/neutering all cats so that they do not reproduce.

Many areas do not have low-cost spay/neuter programs. However, this area has numerous programs to help with the expense. These programs offer not only the spay/neuter surgery at reduced rates, but also most offer reduced rates for vaccinations. These programs make the surgery and vaccinations much more affordable. If you are not aware of these programs, you can call The Tenth Life, and we can provide information about these programs.

We are again including the spay/neuter fact sheet in this newsletter to offer more information about the benefits of spaying/neutering, not only the over population problem, but also beyond the reproduction aspect. It is so important that cats are spayed/neutered for their health and happiness. It is also very important for the owners so that the cats are much less likely to spray or otherwise misbehave.

Please encourage everyone you know to have their cats (and dogs) spayed/neutered. You can make this fact sheet available to them to educate them about the need for spaying /neutering. Please explain to people that if their cat has kittens, and they are fortunate to find great homes for them, there will be kittens sitting in a shelter or on the street that will die because these kittens took homes away from them. There are only a limited number of great homes looking for kittens. Many people erroneously believe that if they find homes for their kittens, they are not contributing to the over-population problem. Of course, every kitten born is making the problem worse. Please do your part to lessen this problem.

### **Volunteers**

We still need more volunteers to help with the daily care of the cats. The volunteers clean the rooms that the cats live in and clutter. The best part of volunteering is the interaction with the cats who love attention. When the work is done, the volunteers pet and love the cats and get a lot of love in return. Most volunteers spend an average of two hours doing the work and loving the cats. We need nine volunteers every day to complete the work of cleaning and loving. Please call and offer your help.

Your blood pressure will appreciate the help from the cats.

### **The Three-Dollar Campaign**

The kick-off of the three-dollar campaign was April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are already receiving donations. We began this campaign several years ago as a replacement for the annual yard sale. It became too labor intensive and many of the volunteers who helped with the yard sale were no longer able to help because of age. This has been a very successful fund raiser. We earned nearly twenty-eight thousand dollars last year from this effort. We ask that everyone on our mailing list donate three dollars. We ask for such a nominal amount so that everyone on our mailing list can donate without causing a financial burden for anyone. We hope everyone who wants to donate can do so at this amount. We will send an acknowledgement letter for all donations over twenty dollars. This does not mean that we do not appreciate all donations for any amount, but we do receive so many for this fund raiser that we simply must have a starting point for letters. If your donation is twenty dollars or less and you want a letter, simply note this on your check, and we will be happy to accommodate. This is such an easy fund raiser for our volunteers and such a great source of support, we ask that you contribute to it in any amount. All contributions add to the total and make it a successful fund raiser. Please send your donation today so that you do not forget to contribute. The cats are waiting with catnip breath. Thanks for your help.

### **Charitable Donation**

Did you know? When you reach seventy and a half years of age and have an IRA, you must take an annual distribution which is taxable. If you do not need these distributions for your living expenses, they can be donated directly to a charity, and you can avoid the taxable income. It is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). It must be paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. Only distribution from an individual IRA or rollover IRA are eligible, not from a SEP or a SIMPLE IRA and not from any type of

employer retirement plan. QCDs may be up to one hundred thousand dollars and can satisfy all or part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA. If this applies to you, your distribution can be directed to The Tenth Life as a charitable contribution. You will receive an acknowledgement letter from The Tenth Life for your contribution of a tax deductible amount.

### **Surprise Donation**

A few weeks ago The Tenth Life received a call about a donation of free cat litter. We immediately made a phone call to the donor and made arrangements to pick up the litter. After four pickup truck loads, we had received over six thousand pounds/three tons of donated litter for the cats of The Tenth Life. This amounted to a savings of nearly fifteen hundred dollars to the general operating fund. This is enough litter for nearly five weeks of litter use at The Tenth Life. This was a tremendous surprise, and we truly appreciate the generosity of the donor.

### **Annual Plant Sale**

The plant orders are in and we have made our order to Furst Florist and Greenhouse. We are slightly behind the orders for last year, but hopefully we will make up the difference with the sale of extras. If you have not ordered, but would like to do so to assure we have what you want, please send your order to the address on the back of this newsletter or call us, and we will take your order from the extras we have ordered. If necessary we can even amend our order to Furst to accommodate your needs.

If the weather cooperates, we will have orders put together and checked by 4:00pm on May 8<sup>th</sup> to begin pick up by our customers. The hours for pick up are 4:00-7:00pm during the week, 10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday and 12:30-5:00pm on Sunday. Please come only during these hours so that we may locate your order for you to assure that you get the proper order. Orders may look alike but may not be your order. If it is impossible for you to come during these hours, please

call us, and we can make special arrangements for you, if necessary.

As always, we will have a huge selection of extras to meet your desires. If there is something that you want but do not see, please ask us, and we will get it for you. We usually go back to Furst several times to satisfy our customers' needs. We can get anything that Furst has to help our customers.

Please remember to tell your friends, family and neighbors about the plants to increase our sales and help the cats. We would love to sell every plant and have to get more to meet the needs of our customers. It would be fantastic if this would be the biggest plant sale that we have had. Please help.

### **Lasagna Dinner and Auction**

On Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> we are having our twelfth lasagna dinner and auction. It will be held at the same facility as it was in 2016, at the VFW Post 8312 at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. As you may remember, we did not have this event in 2017. The dinner and auction will be from 2:00 to 6:00pm. We have arranged for Belmont Catering to supply the lasagna again this year. They will supply both meat and meatless varieties. The dinner includes the lasagna, a salad bar, bread sticks, coffee or tea, and dessert. Cost of the dinner is ten dollars or if you prefer the salad bar only, it is six dollars. Soft drinks and bottled water are extra.

We have several needs which include workers to visit businesses to solicit donations, workers for the event, baskets and volunteers for making gift baskets for the auction, and filler stuffing for the baskets. We will also be looking for sources for donations of soft drinks and salad bar items. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters in past years.

We are again asking our supporters for donations of items for the auction. All types of items are needed. We are not looking for yard sale items, but instead new or gently-used merchandise or vintage items. Donations of

jewelry items are also needed as they seem to be good sellers. Of course, cat-oriented items are great sellers, but we have all types of merchandise for our auction. The auction is very popular and is our largest fund raiser. We can accept donations at any time during our hours of operation. If you cannot transport the items, call us and we can make arrangements for pickup. All donated items are tax deductible, and we are happy to provide a letter to you for your donation.

In 2016, we had forty-eight tables of silent auction items ranging from gift cards to restaurants, exhibits, Disney World, Dayton Dragons baseball, Cincinnati Reds baseball, college football and basketball tickets, and entry tickets to several museums in the tri-state area. We had jewelry, clothing, gift baskets for humans and animals, cat and dog food, cat litter, household utensils, and hundreds of other items for your buying pleasure. There is no reason to think we will have less this year as The Tenth Life volunteers are currently soliciting this year's treasures. As part of the festivities, we have a 50/50 raffle with half the money going to the cats and half to the winning human. **We will have a bake sale as part of the event.** It will feature cake(s), cookies, and other treats to tempt your senses. We will need more bakers to help us with the sale. If you can help, we would really appreciate your support. The bake goods can be brought to the VFW on Saturday from 9:00am-5:00pm or on Sunday from 10:00am-1:00pm. We will also need baked goods for the dessert table for the dinner. Thanks for your help.

As always we will have our table of items for The Tenth Life. We will have our apparel that displays The Tenth Life logo, catnip toys, cat books, cat supplies from beds to Pet Hair Magnets and Furminators, note and Christmas cards, and much more.

Since this event is very labor intensive, we are asking for your help in several areas. **First**, if you have connections who might be willing to donate items for the auction or you have items you would like to donate, that would be greatly appreciated. The sooner we get these items, the more time we have to get them ready for the auction. Please start looking and planning now. In the last event, we offered jewelry at our auction, and it was

very popular. If you would like to eliminate some of the jewelry from your collection that you no longer wear or want, please contribute it to our auction. **Second**, if you enjoy baking, your baked goods would enhance the dessert portion of the dinner and the bake sale. They can be brought to the VFW Post or The Tenth Life. **Third**, we can use fresh vegetables, eggs, cheese, salad dressings, and croutons for the salad bar. We offer, lettuce, salad tomatoes, mushrooms, eggs, cucumbers, cheese, and croutons on the salad bar. Any of these that are donated, save our having to buy them and leaves more profits for the cats. **Fourth**, we need help setting up and/or tearing down the tables and working the auction and dinner. We need servers for the serving line, table cleaners, etc. for the dinner, and table monitors for the auction portion. For those who have done these tasks before, you will certainly understand the number of volunteers we will need for these tasks. Please contact us with the phone number at the end of the newsletter to offer your assistance.

Please mark your calendar now for this major event. You do not want to miss this delicious dinner and value-packed auction. We promise that you will have fun and find some unbelievable treasures at amazing prices. Please be prepared to bid often and make high bids to help the cats. Please tell your friends and relatives about our event, and remember to bring your checkbook or cash. **We will not be taking credit cards.**

We plan to do the checkout the same as 2016. It seemed to work better than any other year. After we close a few tables, we will check-out our customers who had winning bids on those tables only and continue this method throughout the closing process. Please cooperate with us, and we will be able to have you home with your purchases in a more timely manner. See you there!! You will have a great time and a delicious meal.

### Monthly Supply Donations

The list of supply donations is provided below for your shopping convenience. These are supply items that we use on a daily basis, and your contribution of these items saves the cats funds in the general operating fund.

They can be brought to The Tenth Life any day of the week during our hours of operation. You do not need to adhere to the items in each month. Thank you.

April	Wipes (Clorox/Lysol/Sams)
May	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
June	Paper Towels
July	Pine Cleaner
August	Wipes (Clorox/Lysol/Sams)
September	Paper Towels
October	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
November	Bleach
December	2019 <b>Cat</b> Calendars

### Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had two fund raisers. They were the Easter pie sale and Easter bake sale on March 31, 2018. They were both very successful. We sold fifty-six of Mehaffie's delicious Pie Peddler pies for a profit of about one hundred and seventy-four dollars. All of the pies sold. The Easter bake sale offered forty varieties of scrumptious cookies, cakes, cupcakes, and candies created by our wonderful supporters. We thank all the bakers who contributed all the yummy baked goods for this sale. We had such a fantastic selection that our customers were totally amazed. As we have told you, the lady, who originated the bake sale concept and subsequently moved to Tennessee, still does much of the baking for the bake sales. She drives from the middle of Tennessee to Louisville, Kentucky and meets another wonderful volunteer, who drives from her home in Dayton, to pick up the baked goods. After delivering the cookies to The Tenth Life, she returns home to also bake cookies for the sale. With supporters such as all of these bakers, the bake sale has to be a huge money maker for the cats. This one certainly was. With donations, we made fourteen hundred and fifty-three dollars from the bake sale. Of course, without our customers there would not have been a sale. We thank everyone who purchased baked goods for their support also. We hope everyone enjoyed their selections. Our next bake sale will be at the dinner/auction in August.

## Current Fund Raisers

If you shop at Kroger or Dorothy Lane Market, please remember to register as a supporter of The Tenth Life so that your purchases will benefit the cats that live at The Tenth Life. Both stores have a program that benefit charities. By registering at these stores, The Tenth Life will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no cost to you. The rewards come directly from the company. This is great way to support the cats without any outlay of your funds. Please register as a supporter of The Tenth Life cats.

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!

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

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, pale green, gold, smoke gray, and deep royal blue. The polo shirts are available in steel gray, 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 Furninators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards, with the front being a cat face, would make excellent 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,	\$5.00

## Future Fund Raisers

In June we plan to again attend the Yellow Springs Street Fair on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-5:00pm. Our booth is across from Speedway, on the opposite side of the street. We will have our normal array of cat items.

Beginning in late Summer/early Fall we will have the 2019 Entertainment books. They will again be loaded with money-saving coupons. We assume the price will remain the same, but we do not have confirmation.

Remember to mark your calendars for August 26<sup>th</sup> for the lasagna dinner and auction. You will not want to miss this opportunity for a delicious dinner and hundreds of auction items. See you there!!



