

Sandbox Gazette

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It is time for the last newsletter of 2021. In this edition we will present the calendar of events, update you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, tell you a heart-warming story about previous cats from The Tenth Life, request your help, revise the information about the annual lasagna dinner and auction, provide the current tally of the three-dollar fund, offer the cats' Christmas Wish List, announce a special offer, supply the information and order blanks for the holiday greenery and plant sale and pie sales, inform you about the holiday bazaars and bake sale, display the 2021 Christmas card, discuss pictures with Santa, propose ways to donate to The Tenth Life, suggest gift-giving ideas for your cat-loving friends, show the monthly supply donation list, and bring you up to date about past, current, and future fund raisers, and reminders.

Calendar of Events

The following are the dates for all upcoming events.

\$3.00 Campaign	Now
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct - Cancelled
2021 Lasagna Dinner & Auction	Cancelled
Wreath & Plant Order Blanks Due	Nov 13 th
Thanksgiving Pie Orders Due	Nov 6 th
Thanksgiving Pie Pickup	Nov 20 th 10-5
1 st Bazaar /Greenery&Plant Pickup	Nov 27 th 10-5
Christmas Pie Orders Due	Dec 4 th
Pictures with Santa	Dec 4 th /5 th /11 th /12 th
2 nd Bazaar, Pie Sale & Bake Sale	Dec 18 th 10-5

Feature Cats

Unfortunately, Leon and Roamer have not been adopted. They are both so loving and have the most gorgeous blue/green eyes. They are fantastic, loving cats.

We are so happy to tell you that the entire litter of kittens from the last newsletter has been adopted. They all have wonderful, loving homes and are so happy. We are so grateful for their fortunate outcome.



Our feature cats for this newsletter are Kevin, Jo-Jo and a litter whose names are Wally, Beave, and Jana. Kevin is a three-year old neutered male who is white with a little orange. He is a large cat with the sweetest disposition. He welcomes everyone to his room and immediately rolls over for overall petting. He loves to have his belly rubbed. Kevin gets along with all the other cats in his room. He has never met a stranger.

Our next feature cat for this newsletter is Jo-Jo. He had a home, but the owner died and Jo-Jo had no place to go. He was taken in by a friend of the owner, but it did not work out with her other cat who was temperamental. He is about three years old and a true love. He only has three legs, but it does not slow him down or complicate his life. He loves laps, all people and other cats. He is all black and short hair.



Lastly, Wally, Beave and Jana are litter mates who are about five months old. They arrived when they were about six weeks, and the boys both had a horrible, ulcerated eyes. Jana did not have any eye problems. We were so fearful that Wally would be blind in both eyes and Beave would lose one eye, but with lots of care,

medication, and love, they kept their eyesight. Wally's eyes are clouded a little, but he can still see and Beave has no sign of the horrible infection. We are extremely grateful. They are typical kittens who love to chase and play and get attention. Jana is more reserved than the boys since she is a female and a calico. It would be fantastic if they could all stay together.

All are spayed or neutered, blood tested for leukemia and AIDS, fully vaccinated, tested for internal and external parasites, and micro chipped. If you would like to visit them or any other cats, please call.

Heart-Warming Story

Our story for this newsletter is about eight-year old sisters who were left homeless when their "Mom" died. Their names are Bailey and Callie. They are a tiger and a calico. The transition to living in a shelter was very stressful for them, especially Callie. When they moved to a room with other cats, Callie did not eat and became jaundice. Bailey adjusted to the new environment very well. We moved them out of the room and back to the health care facility. Callie had to be hand fed and given fluids and medication for a few weeks to save her life and get her back to being healthy. After she was healthy again, a couple came looking for older cats to adopt. We showed them Bailey and Callie first and they decided that they were their new cats. They did not look at any other cats. We told them about Callie's problem, and warned them that the change to a new home could be traumatic. Fortunately, she adjusted immediately and ate very well. They are well settled into their new home and their "Mom and Dad" love them. We are very happy for these wonderful girls and very appreciative to their people for giving older cats a second chance.

Request for Help

Medvet, an emergency vet hospital, has created a special program called Shelter Surprise to help shelters. The Tenth Life has been nominated for this program. Medvet will select ten finalists. If The Tenth Life is one of the finalists, we need you to vote for our shelter from

October 11-25 as often as you like. The site is <https://hubs.la.H0Xg9sh0>. Prizes are \$2,000, \$1,250, and \$500. Please vote for The Tenth Life!!

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

After a great deal of thought and regret, the committee has decided to again cancel the lasagna dinner and auction. We know this saddens our supporters, but we could not justify possibly damaging people's health by having this indoor event that gets very crowded. With the number of new cases going up daily, we were fearful. We looked at many different options, such as only having the dinner as a carry-out or not having the lasagna dinner at all and only having the auction. We considered finding a different location that was larger and would allow social distancing, but the VFW Post is so convenient. We were also concerned with doing all the work required to having the event, including ordering the meals, and having a much smaller attendance which could lead to a smaller income for the cats, many left over items and leftover meals. Another group had their event and only had about a third of the normal crowd. We are all hoping that by next August, our usual timeframe for this event, that we can have our huge, fantastic dinner and auction for everyone to enjoy without all of these negative considerations. Not having the dinner and auction is a huge financial disappointment for The Tenth Life cats and volunteers as this is our largest fund raiser. However, we feel this is the best decision for the safety of everyone.

Please Note: We have several gift cards that were donated for the auction but have expiration dates before the next auction. They are: Snow Trails in Mansfield, Holden Forests & Gardens in Cleveland, and Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. If interested, please call for more information.

Three-Dollar Fund Tally

Thankfully, donations to the three-dollar fund have increased and now sit at thirty-one thousand dollars with some very generous donations. We thank everyone who

has contributed to this fund raiser, but if you have not already sent in your donation, please consider doing so now before the campaign comes to a close. Any extra donations to this campaign will help a little to decrease the loss of not having the auction. We welcome any additional gifts to this fund.

Cats' Christmas Wish List

The cats have been working overtime to assemble their Christmas wish list. They would really appreciate your helping in any way that you can to make their lives easier and happier. Some of these cats have come from such tragic situations, that were not their fault, that they are so appreciative of the help they receive..

With the loss of income from several cancelled fund raisers this year, our biggest need is for financial donations for everyday expenses. Both of the Yellow Springs Street Fairs and our dinner and auction being cancelled have had a tremendous reduction to our annual income for the care of the cats. In addition the price of food, litter, medications, cleaning supplies, etc. have increased significantly. We purchase everything that we can on sale, but too many of our requirements, such as medications, do not go on sale. Your donation to this fund is our top priority.

Their second request is for the donation of supplies which 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, postage stamps and canned cat food (Friskies, Iams, or Fancy Feast),. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation.

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, the 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 them with attention. Most volunteers work for about two hours each

week, 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. For any of you who like to solicit donations from businesses, we always need more volunteers to request donations for the dinner and auction. This is a huge job, and the more volunteers we have to do this, the fewer businesses that each volunteer must visit. It makes the job easier for everyone. If any of these volunteer opportunities appeal to you and work with your schedule, please call The Tenth Life. We can use all the help we can get. You may think that you do not have time to volunteer, but please remember, we can always make time for those things that are important.

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 a cat.

A Special Offer

Several supporters of The Tenth Life have made offers to help with our fund-raising. They have offered to match donations made by others to help with the shortfall created by the missed fund raisers. You make a donation, and the cats receive your donation and the matched donation. The cats get double benefit.

Holiday Wreath, Roping, and Plant Sale

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, you will want to think about your holiday greenery and plant

needs. We are again offering wreaths, roping, and Christmas plants. The wreaths and roping are coming from the same supplier, and the plants are from Furst Florist and Garden Center. Please refer to the order blank for sizes of wreaths, types and sizes of plants and their respective prices. The sixteen-inch wreaths are not available this year from our supplier. Also on the order blank is the white pine roping sold by the foot. Please send your order, with payment, to The Tenth Life. **See the calendar for dates.** 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. They are nine dollars and fifty cents for the regular pies and ten dollars and fifty cents for the special pies. **Please see the calendar of events for dates and times.** Please send payment with your orders. These pies are delicious, and you can save many hours of preparation and help the cats. 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 Bazaars

We will again have our two holiday bazaars at The Tenth Life. **See the calendar of events.** We will have our biggest selection of catnip toys that we have ever had, our tote bags in a selection of patterns, 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. If these dates are not convenient, we do leave the displays up between bazaars, and you can shop during our hours of operation.

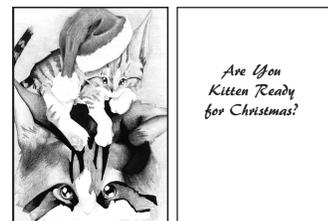
Holiday Bake Sale

The Christmas bake sale is on Saturday, December 18th. We always have baked goods left at the end of the

day; therefore, if you would like to come after this date we can still satisfy your needs for baked goods before Christmas. We usually have about fifty varieties of baked goods, including cookies, candy, cakes, and cupcakes for this sale. The better the variety, the better the sales are for the cats. We should have our usual bakers, but can always use more items. Buying from our sale will save you many hours in the kitchen and provide you with a larger variety of baked goods. Donations of baked goods can be brought to The Tenth Life from 3:00-6:00pm on Friday or on Saturday 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. 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.

Original-Design Christmas Card

The 2021 original-design Christmas card is shown below. As always, it displays an original sketch of a holiday cat. The inside reads "*Are You Kitten Ready for Christmas?*". There are ten cards and envelopes in a package for five dollars. We know you will love the cards, and the proceeds are for the cats. We can ship them to you for extra for postage or they are available at The Tenth Life. We will have them at the bazaars.



Pictures with Santa

We have talked to the three Pet Supplies Plus stores where we normally do our Pictures with Santa program and have their approval to do this fun event. However, at this time, neither the stores nor we can be sure about the ability to have this fun event, but we are planning for it. The dates are December 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th and the hours will be 1:00-4:00pm on all days. If we can do,

there will be signs at the three stores - Beavercreek, Kettering, and Centerville. Also you can call The Tenth Life to ascertain if we are doing the pictures. Sorry for being indecisive, but at this time we simply do not know. If we are able to do, the cost is ten dollars for a Santa picture in a professional picture-frame folder.

Ways to Donate to The Tenth Life

We know that many people prefer to make annual donations during the holidays. There are so many ways for you to donate to The Tenth Life and have a deduction for your taxes.

The first way anyone can donate is a direct donation by check or cash to our post office box. The donation can be any amount and is a huge help to the cats.

The second is through our web site. Donations can be made through **Just Giving** by credit card on our web site. There is a button on the home page that says donate. It will take you to the page where donations can be made. It gives you the opportunity of giving a one-time donation or a recurring donation which is charged to your credit card. The donation can be any amount. They charge us a small fee. It is fairly simple.

The Tenth Life is a Thrivent Choice organization. Thrivent Choice 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 to enroll.

Another way is to establish an automatic donation from your checking account if you do on-line banking. You simply register the address information for The Tenth Life located on the back of this newsletter, and the bank will send a check from your checking account. The check can be sent as often as you designate or even on a one-time basis.

Memorial donations can be made when a friend, a relative, or a pet passes away. It is a thoughtful way to memorialize the person or pet. This is being done more and more, rather than sending flowers. Unfortunately, the flowers do not last, but a donation to The Tenth Life will make a huge difference in the lives of the cats living there. The family will be notified of your memorial donation (not amount), and you will receive a letter for tax purposes.

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 a 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. Many of you make holiday donations, and this is a way to make your donation even larger.

If you have reached the age where you must take a qualified distribution from an IRA, you can have this distribution check made payable to The Tenth Life. You will not be taxed on this amount as you would if the distribution were made payable to you. This is a win-win situation for you in that you do not pay taxes on the donation and the cats receive the funding.

Ideas for Holiday Gifts

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, thoughtful donation (not amount) in their name. You will be applauded for your generosity and creativity. As a contributor, you will also receive an acknowledgement

letter for your donation. Your donation can be a deduction to your taxes.

Sponsoring a cat for someone on your holiday gift list that loves cats is an innovative gift. The fee is only ten dollars per month. We will send a letter to your gift recipient from the cat that you choose or we choose for you based on your specifications. You will receive a letter for your taxes for the donation. Your friend will have a wonderful gift; you will have a charitable donation write off for your taxes, and the cat will have a special someone to love it. The recipient can even come and visit the special kitty.

Our apparel for The Tenth Life, tote bags, note cards, and cat toys make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends and family and their cats. All of these items and their prices are offered in the current fund raiser section of this newsletter. The items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail for additional postage.

Monthly Supply Donations

The list of supplies that are needed are provided below. Of course, any supplies can be donated in any month. These supply donations really help the cats.

October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	2022 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had two fund raisers. The first was the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival. Both days were extremely busy and profitable. We raised over twenty-six hundred dollars for the cats with the sale of catnip toys, apparel of The Tenth Life, jewelry, and miscellaneous items. The biggest seller was the catnip toys thanks to the contributions of our crocheters, we had the best and biggest selection of toys that we have ever had. All of the toys are handmade with locally grown catnip. We thank everyone who shopped at our booth and all of the workers.

The second sale was the mum sale. We sold three hundred and twenty six mums at a profit of a thousand dollars. As always, the mums were provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center, and were large and beautiful. Our customers could not believe the size of the mums for that price. We plan to offer the mums again next year. Thanks to our customers and Furst Florist and Garden Center.

Current Fund Raisers

The current fund raisers are the same as in previous newsletters. We will be repeat them here as a reminder of all of the ongoing efforts that we do to keep funding the needs of the cats. Any assistance that you can provide will be a great help.

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. Please remember this option when shopping on Amazon.

Please continue shopping at Dorothy Lane markets and Kroger. If you have registered with these stores as a supporter of The Tenth Life, your purchases will contribute to the amount that these stores donate to The Tenth Life. If you have not registered as a supporter of the cats, but do shop at either of these stores, please consider registering as a supporter. It is easy to register and is a big help to our funding.

We still have a nice selection of the totes of various fabrics. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We have them available at the Tenth Life or by mail. The totes sell for twenty dollars and are gorgeous and well-made. They make wonderful gifts

We have a nice selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$25.00). The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in S/M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, turtles, bumble bees, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), small and large balls (\$2.00) 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 cats will love these toys in their stockings. All are made with locally grown catnip which makes the toys more attractive to your cats.

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 are great for writing your friends or they would make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. The entire front of the card is a cat face and the inside is blank.

These items make excellent gifts 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.** We know that you will love any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$5.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, & Tote Bags	\$5.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$4.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$6.00

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. The plants will again be provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center.

Reminders

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 pennies may be wrapped or not. The aluminum may be any type of aluminum. Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges, Paw Points, and coupons may 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
10:30am-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 6, 2021

(Thanksgiving) or December 4, 2021 (Christmas)

Type of Pie (\$9.50 each)

Qty-Thanksgiving - 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 20, 2021
 (Thanksgiving)/ Dec. 18, 2021 (Christmas)



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CHRISTMAS GREENERY



- THE TENTH LIFE HAS CHRISTMAS WREATHS, WHITE PINE ROPING, AND PLANTS.
- MIXED WESTERN (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 - 24" and 30".
- 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 13, 2021
- AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TENTH LIFE ON NOVEMBER 27, 2021
- TO ORDER, USE THE FORM BELOW TO INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH YOU WOULD LIKE.
- **PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER.**

-----**ORDER BLANK**-----

_____ 22" MIXED WESTERN @ \$27.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ 30" MIXED WESTERN @ \$35.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ ROPING @ \$.80 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	\$ _____
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_____ WREATH STAND 24" @\$4.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ WREATH STAND 30" @\$6.00 EACH	\$ _____
_____ TOTAL	\$ _____

NAME _____

TELEPHONE # _____