

Sandbox Gazette

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Another edition of The Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition we will show the calendar of events, update you about previous feature cats and introduce new ones, relay a heartwarming story, kick off the three dollar campaign, update you about the results of the previous Combined Federal Campaign and United Way drives, remind you about the plant sale, repeat the message about our microchips, give a huge thank-you, notify you about the June Yellow Springs Street Fair, renew the information about the annual Lasagna Dinner and Auction, ask for help with two needs, inform you about a change in fresh step rewards, offer gift cards that cannot be saved for the next auction due to expiration dates, supply the monthly supply donation list, tell you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and offer some reminders.

Calendar of Events

The calendar below shows the upcoming events for the next several months.

\$3.00 Campaign Began	April 1 st
Easter Bake Sale & Pie Pick-Up	April 16 th
Plant Pick-Up Begins	May 3 rd & 4 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Cancelled
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	August 21 st 1-6pm
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept. 10 th & 11 th
Mum Sale	Mid September
Yellow Springs Street Fair.	October 8th

Feature Cats

We are happy to tell you that two of the cats, Mac and Marlie, from the last newsletter have been adopted; however, Hawking and Darlene have not been adopted. Mac and Marlie were adopted with the third cat that came with them. They are enjoying their new home and getting lots of love.

The feature cats for this newsletter are Hermey and Rudolph, James, and Sushi. Hermey and Rudolph came to The Tenth Life as orphan kittens and were bottle fed by a volunteer. They are now four months old and very loving. They are very tiny kittens and are black except for white spots on their throats. They love to wrestle with each other and are very friendly with the other cats in their room. They need to be adopted together. If black kittens are your favorite, you need to see these handsome boys.



James is a handsome white with gray spots cat who is about a year old. He gets along well with his roommates and greets every visitor who enters his room. He loves attention. James came to The Tenth Life with part of his tail dangling. His tail has now been amputated and the fur is growing back. He does not miss his tail and loves to play. James could be an only cat or a friend for another cat that you have.

Sushi is a ten year old Himalayan mix. She was part of a cat family of three cats who came to The Tenth Life when their owner had to go to a care facility. She loves attention and is gorgeous. She is somewhat of a loner and usually stays to herself. She does not seem to mat very much even though she has long hair.

All of these wonderful felines are spayed or neutered, blood tested for viruses, fully vaccinated, treated for internal and external parasites, and microchipped. They would love to have a home where they can receive love and be the center of attention. Please call.

Heartwarming Story

The heartwarming story for this newsletter about a cat adopted from The Tenth Life is featuring Yeti. He is a one-year old adorable large cat (16 pounds) who was a stray in Vandalia. The Tenth Life was contacted by the Vandalia police about a cat with an injured foot on the street. A volunteer who was just finishing his work at The Tenth Life agreed to drive to Vandalia and pick up the cat. His injured foot was about two to three times its normal size. We could not find a bite wound, but treated him as you would with antibiotics for that type of injury. In a few days the foot was back to normal size, and we realized what a loving cat he was. When he was held, he would cuddle in your arms and give kisses. He had a microchip, but when we contacted the company, we were told that the chip was not registered; therefore, we could not locate the owner, if he had one, or had been dumped on the street. He has now been adopted by a volunteer and is very loved and very spoiled. He has adjusted to his two feline sisters and is a treasured boy.

Three Dollar Campaign

The 2022 three-dollar donation campaign began on April 1st. For those of you new to this campaign, we request that everyone on our mailing list donate three dollars to this fund raiser. It was a replacement to our yard sale that became much too labor intensive. It has been very profitable for the cats. We chose three dollars as a nominal amount that, hopefully, could be donated by everyone and not cause any financial hardship for our supporters. Last year this fund raised thirty-five dollars as many generously contributed more than three dollars. Please send your donation now so that you do not forget. All donations are tax-deductible. We will send acknowledgement letters for all donations over twenty dollars or for any donation if requested. Every dollar is

appreciated and helps the cats. The cats are counting on you.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way (UW) Drives

We have received notification from both campaigns of the donations to The Tenth Life from the campaigns last fall. Our supporters were very generous and donated twenty-five thousand dollars through CFC and ten thousand dollars through UW. We are so grateful for these donations that the cats will receive throughout the year. We will provide acknowledgement letters to those requesting them by the end of May. If you donated, requested a letter and do not receive one, please contact your representative about the oversight. We have applied for the CFC drive for this fall and will receive notification in June if our application has been accepted. Please remember The Tenth Life for these campaigns. We have participated in these campaigns for over thirty-five years.

Annual Flower and Plant Sale

The flower and plant sale is progressing very well. The orders are nearly two thousand dollars over last year at this time, and a few orders are still arriving. We have nearly twenty orders more than last year. We will take orders until the end of April, but the sooner, the better. We do need time to adjust our order to Furst for any late orders. We promise the plants will be beautiful and the healthiest plants available. Our prices are cheaper than most nurseries, but more than the big box stores because they are higher quality. Furst is known for quality plants. We have been notified by Furst that they will not have fuschia or lobelia hanging baskets available because of receiving plant starts that were frozen from their supplier. They are still trying to find replacements, but sources are limited. We are trying to determine easier pick-up methods than last year. For some reason, last year about 40 people arrived immediately at opening to pick-up their plants. Unfortunately, our driveway is only one lane and there had been a great deal of rain so cars could not park in the yard as they usually do. Some did

park in the yard, and a few cars got stuck and had to be pushed out by volunteers. We had cars trying to come up the driveway while others who had loaded their flowers trying to go down the driveway. Traffic was lined up on the road waiting to come in to get their plants. One of our volunteers even went onto the road to try to help. We felt so bad for the inconvenience caused to our purchasers. We appreciate your business and support so much that we have been trying to develop a plan that might help. For these reasons, we are trying to institute a new plan. **If your last name begins with A to J, please come on Tuesday, May 3rd between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. For last names K to Z please plan to come on Wednesday May 4th between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. If neither of these days work for your schedule, you can come any of the following evenings during those hours or on the weekend.** The hours will be the same for each week night after that. The hours on Saturday will be 10:30am – 5:00pm and on Sunday from 10:30am – 5:00pm. We hope this new plan will help with the congestion and make life easier for everyone. Please only come during these hours so that we may assist you with your order. Many orders may look alike but may not be yours, and you could wreak havoc with our order system. For those looking for extra plants, we will have many, but please remember that if you cannot find the plants that you want, let us know and we will gladly procure more plants from Furst. We want to sell as many plants as possible to help the cats and meet our customers' needs and desires. See you there.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the plant sale, we can always use more help. The plants are delivered on May 2nd. After the plants have all arrived, we inventory the delivery and then start filling over two hundred orders. We can use help with these activities. By the end of Monday, all orders are accumulated and marked. On Tuesday morning, we begin checking the orders to make sure they were filled properly. As we all tire out during the day, it is easy to make mistakes when filling the orders. We correct any errors found to satisfy our customers. Beginning at 4:00pm on Tuesday, customers begin picking up their orders. We need help with getting peoples' order identified and carried to their cars and helping those who want to purchase plants from the extras.

Microchip Reminder

After Home Again microchips are properly registered for the cat you have adopted from The Tenth Life, the company will send a reminder email approximately three months to one year after the registration saying that you need to pay for continued registration; however, the chips that we use are already paid for lifetime registration. Microchips allow your cat to be returned if they become lost and the microchip is scanned by the finding shelter or veterinarian office. The sole purpose of the follow-up email is to continue other services the microchip company offers for that period, not the continued registration. If you scroll down on that email, you will get the full information about additional services the company can provide you for additional monies. Please remember the lost and found service is good for the life of your pet at no additional cost to you. This email is a money-maker for the company.

Huge Thank You

We are so grateful for the response that the cats received concerning our need for canned food. As you are certainly aware, with the pandemic, many cat foods have become much harder to find. When we posted on Facebook that we were having this same problem, you came to the cats' rescue by donating over a hundred cases of canned food. The cats have canned food for an extended time with your help. It seemed that the Amazon truck came up the driveway every day. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. We would have loved to thank each of you individually; however the donations from Chewy do not provide the name of the contributor. We contacted them to try to get the names of contributors, but they will not provide this information. **Again, thank you to all who contributed!!**

Yellow Springs Street Fair

We are sorry to tell you that the Yellow Springs Street Fair has again been cancelled for June. Per their information, they do intend to schedule the October Street Fair on Saturday October 8th from 9:00am to

5:00pm. We plan to participate in that event and should be in our normal location across from the Speedway gas station on the opposite side of the street. We will have our usual, enormous selection of cat related items, including catnip toys, for your shopping convenience. Hope to see you there.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

We have scheduled the lasagna dinner and auction for August 21st from 1:00 to 6:00pm at the VFW 8312 at 2389 Dayton Xenia Road in Beavercreek. We thought about moving to a different location where we would have more room, but we kept running into one complication after another. We looked at one location that had great promise, and was very nice and would accommodate our needs, but did not have the date available that we wanted. We may consider using them another year when we can request the date earlier. For this year, we decided to stay with the location that we know, and our supporters know where to find the event. It is convenient for many reasons. It is within the vicinity of The Tenth Life. It is around the corner from the storage facility where we store the auction items when they are ready for the auction, there is sufficient parking, and the rental fee is affordable. Please start planning now for the event. This event is always a fun-filled afternoon for our supporters with great items at amazing prices. Please plan to attend.

We have arranged for Belmont Catering to supply the lasagna again this year. They will supply both meat and veggie varieties. The dinner includes the lasagna, a salad bar, rolls, coffee or tea, and dessert. With increased food and rental fee prices, we are trying to determine the appropriate cost for the dinner and event. Prices will be in the next newsletter. They may increase slightly. We will not begin serving the dinner until 2:00pm. We will serve dinner until the end of the event. Any lasagna remaining will be available for five dollars per serving.

The Tenth Life table will again be filled with cat merchandise including a wide variety of catnip toys and The Tenth Life apparel. We have been promised that our 2022 original-design Christmas card will be completed

and available for this event. Please plan to shop for yourself and your cats.

Again this year, we will have tables of delicious homemade baked goods. There is always a huge selection with a great variety of baked goods to tempt your taste buds. You will make your selections and make a donation based on your judgment of a fair price. We are asking for donations for the bake sale.

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 pick-up. All donated items are tax deductible, and we are happy to provide a letter to you for your donation.

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 of donations for soft drinks, the salad bar and baked goods. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters for many of these needs in the past.

Needs

We have two needs that we want to address. As always we need more volunteers to provide the cats non-medical care needs. This includes cleaning their rooms and of course, providing love and attention to the cats. Everyday, litter boxes are scooped, food and water bowls are cleaned and filled, laundry changed as needed, floors swept and mopped, and cats petted. It is work, but so rewarding. The cats greet you and offer to help with the work (not always in the way that we need). Most volunteers work one day per week but a few come every

other week. It all helps with the workload. Most volunteers work for approximately two hours but some stay longer if their schedule allows. Their work is so appreciated. More volunteers would make life easier and better for the existing volunteers and for the cats. If you would like to enrich your life, please call our phone number, and we will answer any questions you may have. Please consider helping.

The next need is for people who sew to make catnip mats that we sell at our craft events. We have all of the materials, but no time to make them. We do have samples that will let you see what they are. They are very easy to make. We would appreciate any help that can be provided as they are great sellers. Please call the number on the back of this newsletter to offer your assistance.

Change in Fresh Step Litter Rewards

Fresh Step Litter no longer provides individual codes on each package. Rather, they now require downloading of your register receipt as proof of purchase. The only way this will help The Tenth Life is if you send your register receipt that shows the purchase of Fresh Step Litter to us or you can redeem them yourself and forward the coupons to The Tenth Life for redemption. If you would like to do this, it will help the cats. Unfortunately, this is a more time-consuming method of point accumulation for you. They have managed to make this a difficult process.

Auction Items

We have nine auction items that were donated for the 2021 auction that we, unfortunately, had to cancel. They expire before the 2022 event or shortly thereafter. Please call The Tenth Life for information. They are as follow:

Kentucky Horse Park - Four general admission tickets Expire August 30, 2022. Value \$80.

Cleveland Monsters – Two lower bowl seats to regular 2022 season home game. Last game is April 30, 2022.

Akron Rubberducks – Four 2022 tickets. Expire September 16, 2022. Value \$52.

BB Riverboats - Two passages on historic Cincinnati Sightseeing Cruise. Expires September 1, 2022. Value \$58.

Churchill Downs – Six admission tickets for a day at races and six passes for Kentucky Derby Museum. Season ends middle of June. Exclusions are opening week of Spring Meet and Mother's Day. Value \$150.

Dayton Society of Natural History – Certificate for Family Standard Membership by July 12, 2022. Includes two adults and all of their children or grandchildren (17 and under). Also includes Association of Children's Museums (ACM) reciprocity. Boonshoft, Sunwatch and India Village included. Value \$135.

Cincinnati Reds – Two Terrace Line or four View Level seats. Expire September 25, 2022. Value \$60.

Kings Island – Two 2022 Single day admission tickets. Valid any public operating day through Labor Day 2022. Value \$140.

Creation Museum – Two admission tickets. Expire June 28, 2022. Value \$80.

Monthly Supply Donations

The supplies shown below are those that we use on a daily basis. Any can be donated in any month. They will be greatly appreciated and save the cats funds for other important needs. They can be brought to The Tenth Life.

April	Postage Stamps
May	Paper Towels
June	Bleach
July	Pine Cleaner
August	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
September	Paper Towels
October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	2023 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

There have been two fund raisers since the January newsletter. On April 16th, we had the Easter pie and bake sale. Unfortunately, this newsletter has gone out too late to remind our supporters about these two fund raisers. We will tell you the outcome of these two events in the next newsletter. We hope you attended and enjoyed your yummy pies and bake goods. Of course, the flower and plant sale is still ongoing and will be in May. Please come for your plant needs.

Current Fund Raisers

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. 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.

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. **Please be sure that you designate The Tenth Life in Beavercreek Ohio and not The Tenth Life in Missouri.** After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation of half of a percent for all purchases. 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 shopping on Amazon.

As we told you in the last two newsletters, the cat furniture built by a volunteer is unavailable at this time. The price of lumber has increased so much during the pandemic that he cannot afford to make the furniture at our current prices. The price of lumber will, hopefully, come down this year, and he can resume making furniture for our customers.

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 selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$30.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, gold, Kelly green, lime green, pale pink, sand, light sand, spruce, natural, purple, navy, bright red, orange, forest green, black, Carolina blue, burgundy, gray, khaki, and olive. We have the long sleeve t-shirts in bright red, stonewashed green, maroon, royal blue, and gold. The polo shirts are available in gray, blue, red, lime green, gold, and dark green. The sweatshirts come in purple, black, navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, lime green, Carolina blue, burgundy, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color. Any can be shipped with extra for postage.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, bumble bees, turtles, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), balls (\$2.00) and door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5.00). We also have catnip mats (\$10.00) and bags of catnip (\$3.00).

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 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 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**. We know that you will love

any of these items and your cat will be so appreciative of the toys.

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

Please see the calendar on the front page of this newsletter for upcoming events for the next several months. We do anticipate that the Yellow Springs Street Fair will be held in October. We will keep you updated as we know more.

We have already signed up for the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival on September 10th and 11th. The hours are 10:00am to 8:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am to 6:00pm on Sunday. We should have our same location – space 176 on Dayton Xenia Road in front of McDonalds. See you there. We will have all of your favorites including our huge selection of catnip toys and The Tenth Life apparel. Our brand new 2022 original-design Christmas card will also be available. See you there. We always enjoy meeting our new supporters and visiting with our old friends. If you would like to volunteer to work this event, please contact us. We appreciate extra help.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies. 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, Clorox or Sam's), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from cans (pet food or soft drink) to siding and spouting. **Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum, and we do not recycle them. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals. We also do not recycle plastic bottles.** Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges and coupons can be sent to the post office box. Please keep saving and helping the cats.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday

3:00-6:00pm Friday

10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday

10:30-5:00pm on Sunday

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