

# **Notice – 8/3/2024**

## **Date/Venue Update - Lasagna Dinner and Auction**

This insert is to let you know that circumstances surrounding the Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction have significantly changed. Bergamo Center has very recently informed us that the cost of the facility rental is being increased by around 70%, and this has made the use of their facility prohibitive for us this year. As a result, the Lasagna Dinner and Auction is no longer August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The new date / venue for this year's Lasagna Dinner and Auction is as follows:**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**2:00pm – 6:00pm (tables will begin closing at 3:30)**

**American Legion Post 598**

**5700 Kentshire Drive, Kettering, OH 45440**

# Sandbox Gazette

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Summer is here and another Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition we will display the calendar of events, tell you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, relay a heartwarming story, advise you about a medical development for a dreaded disease in cats, make a request, provide the tally of the three-dollar campaign, give the results of the plant sale, update you about the auction and dinner, notify you about the mum sale and include the order form, remind you about the kickoff of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way (UW) Campaign, offer a thank you, show the monthly supply donation list, inform you about the past, current, and future fund raisers, and list reminders.

## Calendar of Events

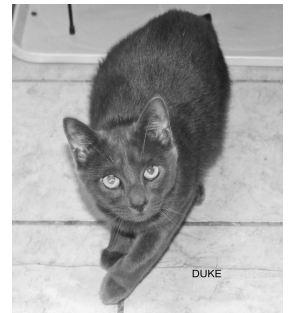
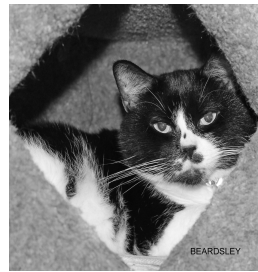
The calendar of upcoming events is provided below. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

\$3.00 Campaign Ongoing	Now
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	<del>Aug 18<sup>th</sup></del> <b>OCT 6<sup>th</sup></b>
CFC & UW Campaigns Begin	Sept
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mum Orders Due	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>
Mum Sale Pick-Up	Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>

## Feature Cats

Two of the feature cats in the last newsletter have found homes. Remi and his girlfriend, Indicia, were adopted together to a single lady and are living the good life. Gem finally found her new home as an only cat and went home only a few days ago. Unfortunately, Susie has not been adopted. However, she has moved to a room and is doing well. She has made friends with her

roommates and loves to look out the large windows and see any outside activity. She is very relaxed. We were very concerned for her having to interact with other cats when she had spent her entire lifetime with one elderly lady as an only cat. We are so happy that she is again enjoying life.



Our new feature cats are Beardsley, Junior, and Duke and Bubba. Beardsley was an owned cat who developed bladder stones and required surgery. However, his owner could not afford the surgery and was facing euthanasia for him. We offered help through our emergency program, but she could not afford the prescription diet that he would require for the rest of his life. She chose to release him to us. His surgery was done, and he recovered. He is a large black and white boy. Beardsley loves to play with a toy on an elastic string and meows while playing. He also enjoys wrestling with the other cats. Being petted is his favorite pastime, and he also meows with every pet. Beardsley eats the prescription food very well and has regained his weight. He is a special boy who deserves to be loved.

Junior is a seven-year-old orange and white female who came to The Tenth Life when her owner died and the husband could not take care of all of the cats. She is great with her roommates and loves being petted on her favorite perch which is the top of the cat tree. She is a small girl who is super sweet to all visitors to her room.

Duke and Bubba were dumped in the country when they were about six months old. They are now a little over a year. Duke is solid gray and Bubba is a tiger. Both are short hair and very loving. When visitors enter their room, they launch themselves onto their laps and ask for pets. They enjoy the top of the cat tree for observing the other cats. Duke and Bubba are great with the other cats and enjoy lots of playtime.

If you would like to visit these cats or any others at The Tenth Life, please call for an appointment. You will fall in love.

### **Heartwarming Story**

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about Peach. Peach was a stray in Huber Heights. She had a home for two years with an elderly lady. Unfortunately, when the lady died, her family put her on the street to live. Surviving was very hard when she had always been an indoor kitty and very loved. A man in the neighborhood had fed her for the three years she lived outside. He discovered her in his yard with a gunshot wound to the front leg. He tried to get medical attention for her but was unable to get her into a veterinarian. Unfortunately, he took her back to his house and left her in the yard where he had found her. A couple of days later his family came to help him with yard work and found Peach. They immediately took her to a clinic for help. After ex-raying the leg, the doctor realized that the leg would need to be amputated, but this clinic was not equipped to do this surgery. They contacted a client of theirs who they knew loved cats and asked him for a referral of an agency that might be able to help. He suggested The Tenth Life since he had adopted a cat from us a couple of years ago. We agreed to take her. Peach had shrapnel throughout her body, and the leg was so badly broken there was no choice except amputation.

Dr. Amanda did the amputation. The gentleman who referred the clinic to The Tenth Life became very interested in Peach and her progress. He visited her and fell in love with her. He decided to adopt her and add to his cat family. Peach went to her new home a few weeks ago to finish healing and meet her new “brothers and sisters.” She is one of the lucky ones to have survived such a horrible ordeal and find a loving home to live her life.

### **Medical Advancement in the Veterinary Field**

There is a horrible cat disease that has always been considered a death sentence for young cats (usually up to two years) and older cats. It is called Feline Infectious Peritonitis or FIP. For a few years there has been an injectable and oral treatment that could only be obtained through non-traditional methods. The treatment required a daily injection or pill for twelve weeks, at least. The injection was painful (stung) for the cats and both were very expensive. As it was not an FDA approved drug the veterinarians could not obtain and administer the medications for their clients. Unfortunately, not all responded well to it, but it helped most of them. The drug had a 97% cure rate.

The FIP disease is caused by a mutation of the corona virus, which most cats are exposed to in their young lives. There is no certainty about what causes the mutation to occur. Stress is one possibility. Another terrible aspect of this disease, is there is no conclusive test to determine if FIP is present. With a great deal of research, it has now been determined that there are certain readings on routine blood panels that are suggestive of FIP. The two main elements are the albumin/globulin ratio and the percent of lymphocytes. Certain levels are suggestive of FIP. Others readings of importance are hematocrit level and white blood cell count.

There are many symptoms that suggest FIP, but unfortunately, most can also be associated with other health concerns. Some of the changes that owners see are weight loss, lethargy, fever, less, or loss of, appetite, anemia, changes in the eye, less ability to jump,

depression, neurological changes such as seizures, and the appearance of weight gain in the abdomen or chest. There are two forms, one is the dry form (no fluid accumulation) or the wet form with the enlarged belly. Fluid can also accumulate in the chest, which can hamper proper breathing. The veterinarian can do blood work, but cannot prescribe the non-FDA approved medication. Doing research on line was the owners only chance of obtaining a possible medical treatment called GS-441524. The owner had to obtain the medication through those channels and do the daily injection themselves. This was a difficult and often impossible choice for the owners. In addition to the long period and painful injections, the cost was prohibitive for many people. The cost could exceed three thousand dollars for the medication, and monthly blood work by the veterinarian was suggested. Weight checks were needed on a weekly basis. Dosage increased with weight gain as did the cost. If certain criteria on the blood work were not met, changes in dosage or type of medication were indicated. With the medication, improvements could be noted as quickly as two or three days. Unfortunately, as with any medication, not all cats responded, and a few relapsed after the twelve-week injection period ended. However after an extended injection period of usually four weeks, the needed improvements with blood readings occurred, and the cat's health improved.

As of June 2024, there is now medication in tablet form being compounded by Stokes Pharmacy in the United States. This drug still has some hurdles to obtain total FDA approval, but the outcome is very promising. When obtained by the veterinarian, the request must be tied, by name, to a specific FIP patient with much documentation required. Your veterinarian should be able to answer your questions about this medication and its availability. This has been such a dreaded disease, and to now have the possibility of a potential cure is amazing.

We have experience with the injectable medication and have seen mostly positive results. The cats do not like the injections, that sting, for at least twelve weeks, but to see a cat that had no chance of survival, now back to a normal cat life of loving, eating, sleeping and playing is remarkable. We are so grateful for the research and development of this drug to help the cats.

## **Request for Help**

We have spots on walls where the cats have scratched or items being carried have marred the walls. We are looking for someone who can spackle the spots and sand them so they can be repainted. Unfortunately, none of us have this experience to do the job properly. If you or someone you know does this task, please have them contact us at the phone number on the back page of this newsletter. We would appreciate any help.

## **Tally of Three Dollar Campaign**

The Three-Dollar Campaign is progressing nicely but slower than normal. To date the cats have received twelve thousand four hundred dollars. We thank everyone who has contributed and request that everyone who has not donated, to please send your check now or visit our website and donate through Just Giving. With everyone's busy schedules, it is so easy to forget to donate and help the cats. With the increases in prices of food, litter and medications, your donations to this fund are needed more than ever. Please help the cats! They are waiting for your donations.

## **Results of the Annual Plant Sale**

This was the most successful plant sale we have had. The total preorders were thirty thousand two hundred dollars. In addition, we had over seventy-two hundred dollars of extras that were sold. The plants were again provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center and, as always, were absolutely beautiful. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with us or Furst. We had too much rain and too much humidity that caused a disease problem with a few of the plants, especially the petunias, the alyssum, and the begonias. As Furst is always so customer oriented, they replaced the diseased plants for us. We always tell our customers if there are any problems, please let us know so that we can make it right. Anyone who contacted us about the problem, we replaced the bad plants. However, we did not really have a viable way to inform all of our customers about the problem and make replacements. We didn't know there



was a problem at first. We made a profit of thirteen thousand and eight hundred dollars for the cats. The plant sale is very labor intensive but very profitable for the cats. We sincerely thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this sale a success. Further, we truly thank all of our devoted customers who purchase from The Tenth Life and promote this sale to their friends and relatives. This sale grows every year. Let's keep it growing. This is a great fund raiser for the cats' income.

### **Lasagna Dinner and Auction**

We are moving forward with the plans for the lasagna dinner and auction scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at Bergamo Center at the corner of County Line and Shakertown Roads in Beavercreek. Entrance is best from Shakertown Road. Keep going straight until you reach the Lifeline Learning Center building, and the parking lot is straight ahead and is marked. The hours are 2:00 – 6:00pm; however, the doors open at 1:00pm to allow you time to preview the auction merchandise. Please plan to arrive early rather than later. Unfortunately, with the number of auction tables that we have, we have to begin closing tables at 3:30pm to have them all closed by approximately 5:30pm. This is earlier than we would like to begin closing, but we do not have a choice. Please plan to arrive in time for you to be able to make all of your bids and enjoy the event. We will begin serving the delicious lasagna dinner beginning at 2:00pm. The dinner will include meat or veggie lasagna, a salad, breadsticks, dessert and coffee or tea. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available at an additional cost. We will have extra lasagna for you to purchase and take home for a delicious meal at a later time. The cost is five dollars for a large piece. The admission fee is fifteen dollars per person whether you eat or not. Payments at the event will be cash or check only – no credit cards.

Unfortunately, donations for the auction are running behind previous years. If you have been waiting to donate your new, slightly used or vintage items, please bring them to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation (see hours on back page). If you cannot transport your items, we can arrange for pick-up. We

take all types of items, whether they are cat oriented or not. We love having a huge variety of merchandise to offer our customers. Of course, cat oriented items are huge sellers. If you have jewelry or purses that you no longer want or use, please bring them to us for this sale. We can provide an acknowledgement letter for your donations for tax purposes if you wish.

There will be approximately fifty to sixty tables of auction items with many items per table for your shopping pleasure. As always, there will be multiple tables of gift cards to every type of business. In addition we will have the tables of merchandise of The Tenth Life to include The Tenth Life apparel, original design Christmas and note cards (including the 2024 Christmas card), a huge selection of catnip toys, and other cat merchandise.

There will be tables of delicious home-made baked goods of all varieties. We are looking for bakers for this sale. You can bring your baked goods to Bergamo on Saturday or Sunday morning beginning at 10:00am. Our shoppers simply choose their baked goods and make a donation based on their evaluation of a fair price.

There will be many tables of a wide variety of jewelry items. Last year we had eight tables of jewelry at tremendous prices. There were watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pendants etc. We should have a similar offering this year.

Again, this year we will be offering a selection of purses of many styles. We hope to receive many more than we have already received. You will be able to have a fantastic purse at a huge savings.

Last year we offered tables of yard sale type items that were not suitable for the auction tables. The first year these items sold well and were profitable; however last year, the items did not sell well and took up too much space for the profit generated. We decided to forgo these tables this year and provide more space for auction items.

We will have everything you could possibly want at great prices. For those of you who have attended before, you know the great merchandise that we offer at huge

savings. You will not be disappointed with your purchases, but you will be sad if you do not attend.

We will also be looking for sources for donations for soft drinks and the dinner desserts. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters for many of these needs in the past.

We need many volunteers to solicit auction items from retailers, work on Saturday August 17<sup>h</sup> to set up for the auction, and work the day of the auction (August 18<sup>th</sup>) as servers, table monitors, cleaners of dinner tables, and cleanup and pack-up help at the end of the event. Please contact us if you can offer your assistance in any of these ways.

We promise you will have a wonderful time shopping for great value items and enjoying a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings.

### **Annual Mum Sale**

We are again offering the large, beautiful mums from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The order blank is included in this newsletter. The price is ten dollars per mum. They are unbelievably large for his super price. Customers last year were amazed at their size. They will be available in white, red/burgundy, yellow/gold, orange/bronze, and purple/lavender. The order blanks, with payment, are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and the mums will be available for pick-up beginning on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-5:00 pm. The hours for Sunday are the same as Saturday and weekdays are from 4:00-7:00pm. The mums were gorgeous last year, and we know they will be again. We will have some extras available, but please pre-order for the best selection.

### **CFC and UW Campaigns**

September and October mark the kickoff of these campaigns. Please remember The Tenth Life when you make your designations for your contributions. We have received acceptance for our application for CFC. Our code is 32031. We would truly appreciate your donation

to The Tenth Life. For the UW campaign, you must write in The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program for your donations. Your donations through these campaigns make a difference in the lives of the cats living at The Tenth Life. Please remember to make the designations.

### **Donations of Canned Food**

Your continued donation of canned food has been a tremendous help with the cost of feeding canned food to the cats that need the extra help with eating. As you know the prices of all food has risen so dramatically, it makes the food expense for The Tenth Life even more costly. The price of the Royal Canin and Iams dry food that we purchase has increased over fifty percent in the last few years. We truly appreciate your help with the feeding costs.

### **Monthly Supply Donations**

The list of monthly supply donations is provided for your shopping convenience. These donations can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown at the end of this newsletter. We appreciate your donation of these items.

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

### **Past Fund Raisers**

Since the last newsletter, we have had the annual plant sale and the Yellow Springs Street Fair. As we previously told you, this year's plant and flower sale was the biggest we have had and the most profitable for the cats. Again, thank you for your support. We will offer the beautiful plants, hanging baskets, flowering pots, herbs and perennials again next year.

We again attended the Yellow Springs Street Fair on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The weather was nice and there was a large crowd. It was profitable for the cats. We made over eighteen hundred dollars for the cats' care. We thank the volunteers who worked our booth and all of the customers who made purchases. We plan to attend again in October.

### Current Fund Raisers

The current fund raisers are ongoing throughout the year to help funding the needs of the cats. Any assistance that you can provide will be a great help.

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 add to the amount that these stores donate to The Tenth Life. If you shop at either of these stores and have not registered as a supporter of The Tenth Life, please consider registering. It is easy to register and is a big help to our funding.

The Tenth Life t-shirts are available in cactus, dusty rose, and plum rose, royal blue, bright red, and forest green. The colors for the long-sleeve t-shirts are indigo blue, flannel gray and bright red. We still have bright gold in the long-sleeve. The short-sleeve shirts are now \$20.00 and the long-sleeve are \$25.00. The short-sleeve T-shirts have The Tenth Life logo across the entire front or on the left chest.

We also have our sweatshirts (\$30.00) and polo shirts (\$25.00). The sweatshirts come in pink, red, navy, forest green, gold, brown, white, and gray. The polo shirts are dark gray, gold, and deep blue. All apparel ranges in size from small to extra/extra large. Of course, we do not have all sizes in all colors. For sizes 2X and 3X we have a very limited supply, and there is a surcharge for the larger sizes

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have fabric mice, crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, turtles, octopi, tacos, and gnomes (\$5.00), small snakes (\$6.00), catnip balls (\$3.00) large snakes (\$8.00) and catnip door

hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$6.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), small fleece throws, perfect for cat naps, (\$5.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$35.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair from furniture and clothing and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet(s) and removing mats.

Our note cards are great for writing your friends or they make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. The 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. As mailing costs have increased, we have had to increase our mailing fees.** We know that you will love any of these items.

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

### Future Fund Raisers

Before the next newsletter there are four planned fund raisers. On August 18<sup>th</sup> will be the lasagna dinner and auction. Please see the section where we already addressed this fund raiser. On September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we will participate in the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival. Our space is usually **276** which is located in front of McDonalds on Dayton Xenia Road. We will have our apparel for The Tenth Life, catnip toys, our original design Christmas and note cards, cat merchandise, tote bags, etc. Please visit our booth, say hello, and make purchases for you and your cat. We love to hear your cat stories. The festival is from 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and from 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. The third event is the mum sale at The Tenth Life. We discussed this sale in an earlier section. They will be available on

September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-5:00pm. The fourth event is the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We have applied and expect to be in our normal spot across from Speedway. Hope to see you at all of these events.

and spouting. Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. The ink cartridges and coupons can be sent to the Post Office Box shown on this newsletter.

**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. Sending coupons for Fresh Step Litter, cat food, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol or Clorox), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum, including soft drink cans to siding

**Hours of Operation:**

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

**Website:**

**thetenthlife.org**

**Phone Number:**

**(937) 376-5550**

**Address:**

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



# The Tenth Life 2024 Mum Sale



8" Potted Mums in 5 Colors - \$10.00 Each  
 Order Due at The Tenth Life by August 31, 2024  
 Pick-up at The Tenth Life on Sept. 14, 2024

<u>Color</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Red/ Burgundy _____		
Yellow/Gold _____		
Orange/Bronze _____		
Purple/Lavender _____		
White _____		
<b>Total</b>		
<b>Name</b> _____	<b>Phone #</b> _____	



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