



2022 IMPACT REPORT

Our numbers tell our story



Dear Supporters:

I am very happy to share our Ten Lives Club 2022 Impact Report with you. We are so very proud of how far Ten Lives Club has come in our 22+ years as a nonprofit organization. Running a cat shelter of our size happens with sound planning and hard work. We are fortunate to have talented staff and volunteers who help us perform all the necessary activities involved in keeping our shelter solid and strong. Direct animal care, a fostering network of over 200 committed to cat care, adoption partnerships, fundraising, and marketing personnel are all areas that are critical on the road to success. Know that over 3,000 homeless, sick, injured, and unwanted cats in our program received the care they needed and are in the very best hands.

Our finest moments are when our cats move onto new forever homes. Our shelter found homes for 3,195 cats and kittens in 2022, surpassing all our adoption totals over the years! You read that correctly...over 3,000 cats are alive and well and living their best life thanks to Ten Lives Club! Our great working relationships with our satellite adoption centers played a huge role in connecting all our cats and kittens with that someone special.

In the new year, we will be focused on sustainable growth; trying our very best to be the best we can be. Financially it has always been difficult for us to stay afloat, especially while caring for the thousands of cats we help every year. We hope to have our intended veterinary clinic up and running to serve our community by midsummer. This clinic will not only help underprivileged pet owners who need assistance, but also profits made from the clinic will enable our shelter services to continue to offer refuge to cats in need – a win-win all around! Additionally, we will be starting our two-story expanded adoption area with the grant we were awarded by NY State.

Many of you have been with our organization for quite some time and others may just be learning about the amazing work we do. Know that your support and belief in us means unwanted cats and kittens receive the care and attention they need. We know our community counts on Ten Lives Club, and we hope to count on you to help us with our lifesaving work. We are so appreciative of every donation we receive and hope after reading our stories, reviewing our data in this report, and seeing our heartwarming pictures, you will consider a donation at this time. If you wish to make a substantial donation to go towards our services or programs, or the two intended projects at our shelter, please feel free to contact me directly at 716-646-5577, ext. 5 to discuss. Naming rights are being considered at this time as well. Hold the vision as Ten Lives Club becomes bigger, brighter, and better every year!



P.S. Once you have read this report, please consider sharing it with a friend.

Thank you,

Marie Edwards
Founder & Executive Director
Ten Lives Club



Highlights

Ten Lives Club has had a very exciting year, helping and saving more than 3,000 cats across Western New York! Here are just a few of many highlights of 2022!

Ten Lives Club wins Cellino Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Truck Wrap Contest

In March and April 2022, Ten Lives Club competed against 64 nonprofits in Western New York to win the annual Cellino, Plumbing Heating & Cooling Truck Wrap contest. This contest was huge for us because not only does the winner get a donation of 50 percent of the proceeds from tune-ups, but our nonprofit branding was also wrapped on half of the Cellino Plumbing truck for all of Western NY to see! And there's even better news. The votes were so close when it came to the final round of the contest between Ten Lives Club and Buddy's Second Chance Rescue that both organizations decided to split the win! Ten Lives Club & Buddy's Second Chance Rescue both received donations and each nonprofit's branding was featured on the side of the truck! A win-win to help both dogs and cats! *Thank you Cellino Plumbing!*



Ten Lives Club hosts kitten shower for 1,200 kittens

In April 2022, Ten Lives Club held a kitten shower to prepare for the 1,200 kittens expected to come into their care. Guests were asked to bring gifts for the kittens from a wish list including heating pads, collars, baby wipes, nursing bottles, toys, small blankets and more. The kitten shower was great success, bringing in much-needed supplies for the kittens and monetary donations. Ten Lives Club plans to have another kitten shower on Thursday, April 27.



Ten Lives Club teams up with West Seneca Police Department to help rescue animals

In August 2022, Ten Lives Club and Buddy's Second Chance Rescue joined forces on another special project. West Seneca Police Officers participated in a special calendar photo shoot with Tailor Mayde Photography to help raise funds for both organizations. The adorable photos of officers holding puppies and kittens went into the 2023 Police & Rescue Animals Calendar that sold 500 presale copies in its first year! *How exciting is that?*



Ten Lives Club kittens meet Buffalo Bills kicker Tyler Bass

In October 2022, Ten Lives Club kittens received a very special opportunity thanks to our friends at Show Your Soft Side! Our kittens were invited to a photo shoot with Buffalo Bills kicker Tyler Bass to help promote being kind to animals. Show Your Soft Side is a public service campaign that was created to change the mindset of young people who all too often view the maiming and torturing of defenseless cats and dogs as a sign of "toughness" or "manhood." The campaign's message that compassion towards animals is a sign of strength not weakness, is one that, overnight struck a nerve with old and young alike. Today, Show Your Soft Side, Inc. uses it reach and resources to build a better world for animals, and, in doing so, build better adults. Tyler Bass is a cat daddy himself and welcomed the opportunity to spend time with our kittens.



Ten Lives Club receives \$200,000 grant from New York State to expand shelter

In November 2022, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced that \$5 million has been awarded to 17 not-for-profit animal shelters and humane societies through the fourth round of the New York State Companion Animal Capital Fund. Ten Lives Club is a proud and grateful recipient of \$200,000 from the Companion Animal Capital Fund which will go towards shelter expansion and improvement for the cats. Four new living spaces will provide space for additional cats, and the addition of an HVAC system will provide clean air.

Ten Lives Club, SPCA Serving Erie County and Best Friends Animal Society team up for Thankful Fur Pets Expo

In November 2022, Ten Lives Club and the SPCA Serving Erie County teamed up for the Thankful Fur Pets Expo at the McKinley Mall. Both organizations saw a great need to help animal rescues get their cats and dogs adopted so they joined forces with Best Friends Animal Society, Cellino Plumbing and Clyde's Feed to bring homeless animals right to those interested in adopting inside the mall. Several dogs and cats found their forever homes thanks to the Thankful Fur Pets Expo. We hope to do more of these adoption events in the future to help our local rescues.

Snowstorm hits Buffalo, City of Good Neighbor steps up to help the cats

In November 2022, a snowstorm plowed through Western New York...literally. Normally employees would be able to get into the shelter to care for the cats, but this time was different. Our founder and president Marie Edwards picked up her entire family on November 19 to come help the cats but once they arrived, they could not get past the six-foot high wall of hardened snow and ice that had been plowed in front of the Ten Lives Club driveway. Although Ten Lives Club has a contract with a snowplow company, the company could not keep up with the amount of snow.

We put out a plea on social media and to our local television stations for help. Shortly after, a state DOT highlift arrived to dig out the mountain of snow in the driveway. In the meantime, four volunteers shoveled a path to the door. Marie and her husband Bruce were delighted to see the cats when they came inside, and the cats were just as delighted to see them. All the cats were fed, their water bowls were filled, and their cages and litter boxes were cleaned. Marie and her family left with a happy heart knowing that when Ten Lives Club needs the City of Good Neighbors, the City of Good Neighbors is there for them.



YOUR DONATION, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR HOW SMALL, MAKES A DIFFERENCE.
PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING THE GIFT OF ANOTHER LIFE SAVED.
IT'S THE GREATEST GIFT YOU'LL EVER GIVE.

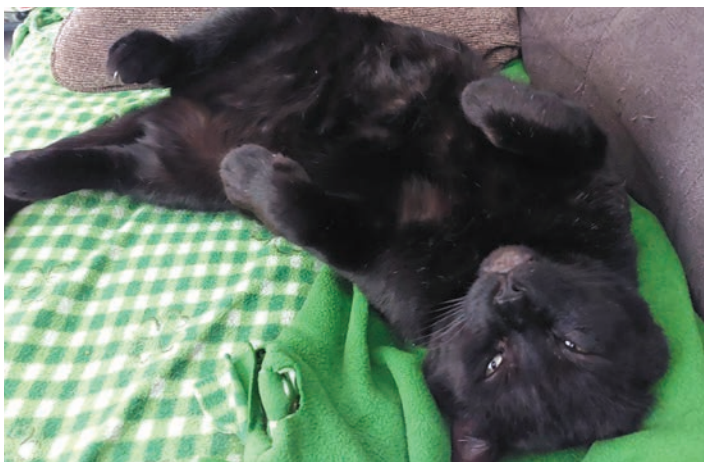


My journey with my handsome panther

Back in January of 2021, a handsome cat was surrendered to Ten Lives Club. His name was Journey. Journey was found in a camper and a good-hearted human brought him to us. After he was processed by the vet team, we discovered not only was Journey a diabetic...he was also FIV+. The vet team was extremely concerned about his health, so Journey stayed with us in the vet office. A few

months later our licensed vet tech came to me and asked me if I could find a foster home for Journey because he was doing so well controlling his diabetes that he would not require shots of insulin and it could be controlled by food. This was exciting news for Journey. I knew I had to find a medical foster because his diabetes would need to be monitored and since he also was FIV+, he was considered double compromised. I happened to luck out finding a foster in this situation because a wonderful lady came to apply to become a foster in our program who had not only worked for the SPCA, but also had extensive medical knowledge in the animal world. This was so perfect, and she absolutely loved her time with Journey. She would have adopted Journey but she was caring for rabbits, and he required extensive care. I could go on for hours about Journey but I wanted to share my personal part of this journey, no pun intended. He is the most amazing, loving cat and our family feels so blessed to have him in our lives.

– Dee McCabe, foster and volunteer coordinator



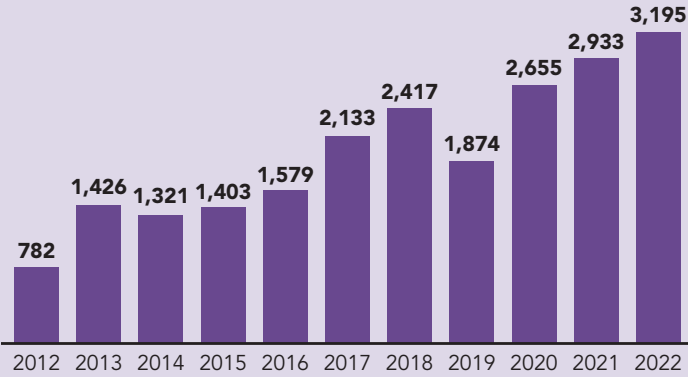
Community cats

We held many spay and neuter clinics in 2022 to improve the lives of cats in our community and reduce kittens being born outside. Community cats are unowned cats that live outdoors. These cats may be feral (unsocialized), or friendly, or may be lost or abandoned cats. The way to decrease the population of these cats is through trap/ neuter/release (TNR). Over 400 such cats were spayed and neutered through our clinic, thus managing overpopulation and disease control. We have suspended these clinics in 2023 until we open our intended veterinary clinic in the back of our property sometime in late spring.

Tonawanda Feral Colony. TNR on this property enabled ten cats to be spayed and neutered and returned to the area they know.



TEN LIVES CLUB ANNUAL ADOPTIONS



Total for 11 years – **19,478** cats found their forever homes.



In 2022,

96%

of Ten Lives Club's operating budget came directly from donations and special events.

TLC average donation is **\$49**

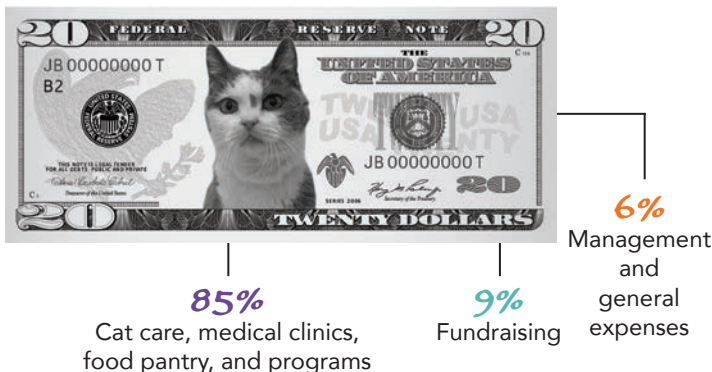
In 2022, Ten Lives Club Pet Food Pantry received

156,430 pounds
(78.2 tons)

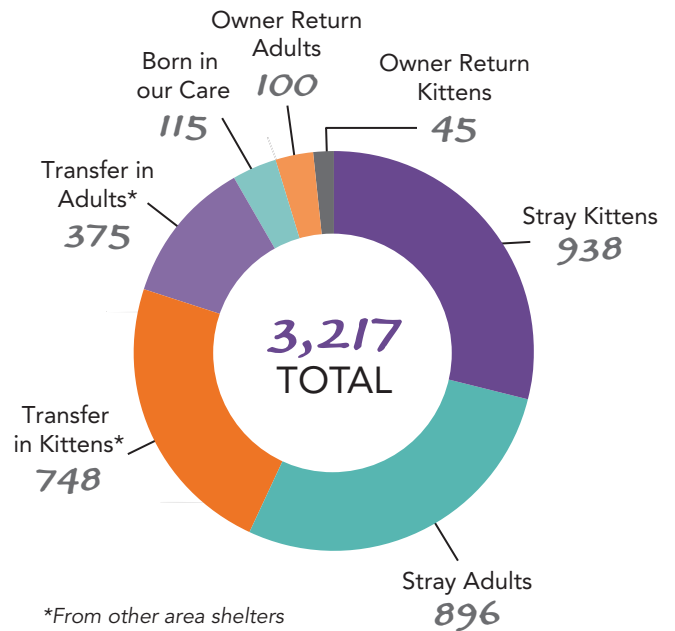
of Nestle Purina Dog and Cat food to be used for our pet pantry and the cats living at the shelter.



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



2022 INTAKE





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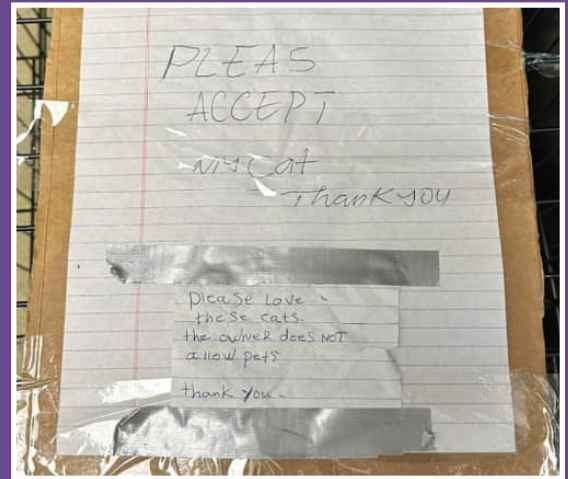
3,195
CATS

received a second chance.



Surrenders

1. Sasha Alexander was surrendered to Ten Lives Club in December. She came in with a head injury after being thrown out of a moving vehicle. Alisha and her mother, who surrendered Sasha, were asked by nearby neighbors to help the cat after they witnessed the cat being thrown from the vehicle. Sasha had a head wound, wounds around her neck, and a gash on her nose. Alisha and her mother brought Sasha to Ten Lives Club in a trap, not because she was vicious, but due to her being scared. Sasha is very friendly, and her head injury healed nicely with the help of our vet team at Ten Lives Club. Sasha Alexander was adopted by a wonderful family and is doing very well.



3. Eight cats were found abandoned and stuffed in a small crate at the Pet Supplies Plus on Sheridan. We do not know how long these babies were left outside alone, but we do know they were left for hours overnight. Five were surrendered to TLC while one was out wandering the store and was brought to us later. Two of the eight were put into foster by Pet Supplies Plus store employees. These cats were not scheduled to come into our shelter and there was no donation to help these poor cats with their necessities. Donations during surrenders are crucial for TLC to be able to continue the mission of caring for cats. It will cost close to \$1,000 after all six cats have had their physical, rabies vaccine, distemper, flea treatment, ear mite treatment, deworming, spay/neuter, and microchip. These babies came in stressed and therefore became sick due to the trauma, making it more costly due to medication expenses. This is one of the many cases we see regularly, and it is so disheartening to think someone could leave animals outside to fend for themselves.



DOROTHY WITH HER CAT TEDDY

2. One of our volunteers in the Northtowns found a long-haired brown tabby cat and surrendered him to us as a stray. As luck had it, this was a potentially lost personal cat whose owner was desperately seeking to find him. Our volunteer contacted the woman to let her know a cat like the one on her lost cat poster was brought into Ten Lives Club. Sure enough, it was her cat, Teddy! Teddy is 18 years old, which we never would have guessed as he was in great shape! Dorothy, Teddy's owner, was desperate to find him as he is a stage 3 kidney

kitty and she suspected the worst had happened to him. We are so happy Teddy and Dorothy were reunited!

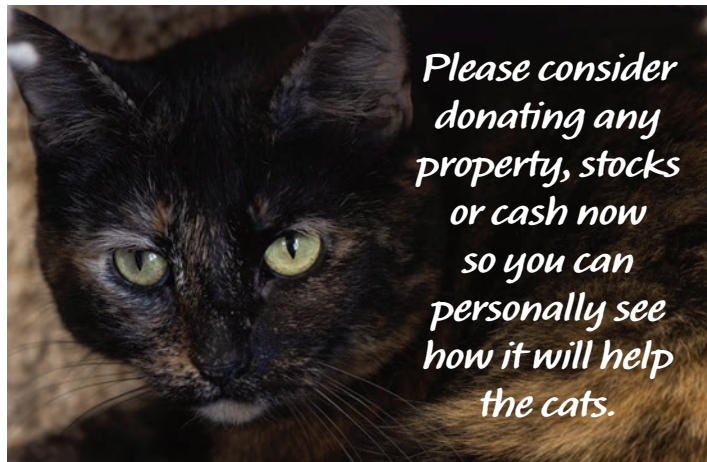


4. Kathleen of West Seneca had been feeding a stray cat all summer when one day he showed up with another cat. He must have told him there was good food there!



Turns out, the one she had been feeding since summer belonged to someone in her neighborhood who sadly didn't want him anymore. Another thrown away cat situation! Kathleen was worried about the snowy weather forecast and brought both cats to our shelter for help. The one she had been feeding is named Oreo. The other

cat she named Gust, like a "gust of wind," as he just blew in like the wind onto her doorstep. We are thankful for people like you that support all we do. Our lifesaving work is made possible thanks to you. Please consider donating to help other cold and hungry cats.



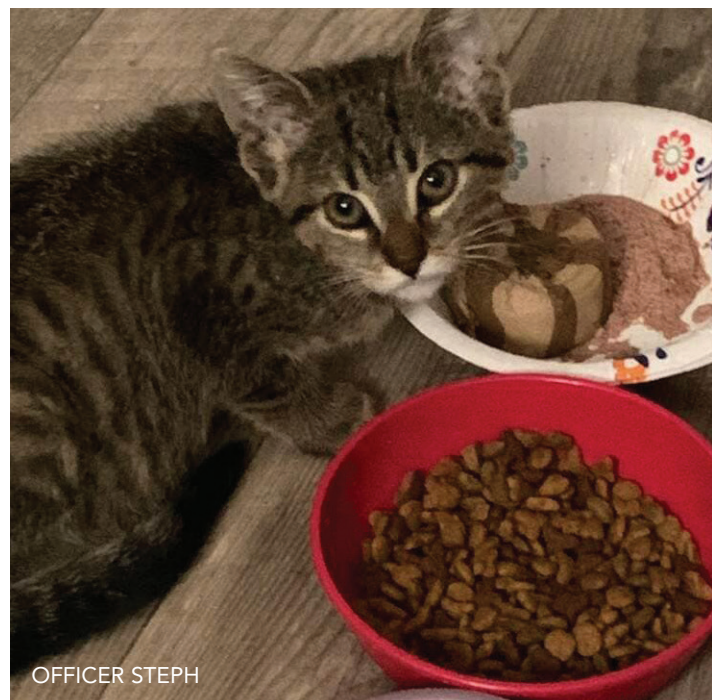
5. In mid-September, Hamburg Police were called to Bethel Estates apartment complex on South Western Boulevard for a kitten caught in the engine of a car. After managing to free the kitten, the responding officers had no idea what to do with the kitten, so they brought it to their precinct.



Soon enough, somebody at the station who personally knew her made contact with TLC Founder Marie Edwards, asking if she may be able to help with the situation. Within minutes, the kitten was escorted into a police vehicle and delivered right to Marie's doorstep!

A Hamburg Police officer, named Steve, was the driver so the kitten was initially named Officer Steve. As it turns out, kitten Officer Steve was actually a female, so she was renamed Officer Steph, short for Stephanie.

After spending the night at the Edwards' home, Officer Steph was brought to the shelter to enter the TLC program. She recently found her forever home through adoption at the TLC Eastern Hills Mall location, adopted with another kitten that she bonded with during foster care.





Three new adoption locations

Ten Lives Club has added three new additional adoption locations this year in hopes of being able to save more lives and to put a smile on someone's face with a new furry family member. Our newest locations are in Blasdell, Hamburg and Dunkirk which allows for an additional 11 spaces for our adoptable cats to be showcased. This now brings TLC to a total of 16 locations.

On September 5, 2022, we opened our **Hamburg location in the Pet Supplies Plus on South Park Avenue** and adoptions began happening immediately. We were all in a state of shock. This was amazing! Many of our foster homes have had their foster kittens/cats at this location with very good success in finding their forever homes. When Pet Supplies Plus opened, they provided TLC with a brand-new state-of-the-art-kennel set-up which holds four spaces. At minimum this store can house four cats, but with litters of kittens or bonded pairs, up to eight. One of our foster moms, Tami, stepped up to help us and became the adoption coordinator for this location.

We were then contacted by an associate of the **PetSmart in Dunkirk** with available space for an adoption agency and we couldn't have been

more thrilled. Even with Dunkirk being nearly 40 minutes away, we were excited to expand out of our comfort zone and reach those that may not travel our way to meet and potentially adopt from TLC. This location opened September 30, 2022 and features up to six adoption kennels. Paula, who lives out that way, stepped up and became the adoption coordinator and has been doing an amazing job. She travels to TLC at least once a week to fill the empty spaces there and to volunteer a few hours at the main shelter. This location has become one that does very well with getting our older and/or special needs cats adopted into loving homes.

Our latest location at the **Pet Supplies Plus in Blasdell on Milestrip Road** opened on December 5, 2022. Once again, we were sought out to have our organization as the adoption agency within their store. The store manager, April, reached out to us, and we were more than excited to say yes. Together we were able to set up a space and begin adoptions. This location will also be providing TLC with a state-of-the-art kennel setup, but it is currently on back order. This did not deter either April or TLC as we improvised and made it all work because something is better than

nothing. Currently there are two extra-large dog kennels at this location as we await the delivery of the new kennels. April and her team have helped us out until we could find an adoption coordinator and volunteers for this location, and they have done an amazing job! Tim, who helps at our Clyde's location and is the adoption coordinator for the Niagara Falls Petco, has offered to help at this location as well.

With the total number of offsite adoption locations now at 16, we have needed more volunteers to help. These volunteers have taken time out of their day, schedules, and busy lives to care for the cats and kittens of TLC. Our volunteers are the core of what we do, and we couldn't do any of it without them. Once our cats leave the main shelter and go to one of our satellite adoption locations, we can't wait to see their adoption photos and know that they finally have found their forever home. The volunteers that do this do not do it for any money or recognition, they do it for the love of the animals. We are always looking for volunteers at each location, main shelter included. If interested, please reach out and contact Dee McCabe, our foster and volunteer coordinator, at 716-646-5577, ext. 8.

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A NEW CAT OR KITTEN?

Stop by any one of our adoption locations to find a new fur baby.

In the meantime, look at some of these happy adoption photos.

If you wish to volunteer, helping clean cages at an adoption location near you, call the store coordinator number listed on the next page.



Adoption number 4,000

The Ten Lives Club Store at the Eastern Hills Mall in Williamsville opened to the public in June 2017. The store is open five days a week and is staffed mainly by a small group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to find happy homes for all our cats and kittens. Our store reached a milestone on December 10, 2022 when we completed our 4,000th adoption! Lisa M, a previous adopter from Wilson, NY, fell in love with a young kitten named Squirrel. This kitten had just arrived from one of our fabulous foster homes and Lisa M. opted to take her home. We received a recent update that Squirrel is doing well in her new home with her family

In 2022, this location adopted out over
955
cats and kittens.



ADOPTION LOCATIONS

Main Shelter

3741 Lakeshore Road
Blasdell, NY 14219
716-646-5577

Eastern Hills Mall

4545 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
716-568-9322

Clyde's Feed

351 Union Street
Hamburg, NY 14075
716-646-5577 ext.0

PetSmart #2748

123 Grey Street
East Aurora, NY 14052
Margaret 716-687-8269

PetSmart #0776

1734 Walden Avenue
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Dana 716-472-6236

PetSmart #2231

5722 S. Transit Road
Lockport, NY 14094
Char 716-909-9334

PetSmart #2739

3957 Vineyard Dr.
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Paula 716-581-0917

Petco #1815

330 Orchard Park Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
Beth 716-392-1439

Petco #3754

1520 Military Road, Ste 130
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Tim 716-400-5495

Pet Supplies Plus #4459

5999 South Park Avenue
Hamburg, NY 14075
Dee 716-578-8722

Pet Supplies Plus #116

2155 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Noreen 716-480-9220

Pet Supplies Plus #134

3340 Sheridan Drive
Amherst, NY 14226
Charlie 716-341-2612

Pet Supplies Plus #172

3733 Union Road, Ste 200
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Emily 716-545-1214

Pet Supplies Plus #174

9630 Transit Road
East Amherst, NY 14501
Amy 716-432-3869

Pet Supplies Plus #4055

4970 Transit Road
Depew, NY 14043
Crystal 716-771-6258

Pet Supplies Plus #197

2952 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Amherst, NY 14228
Madeline 561-945-6668
Brittany 716-870-6727

Pet Supplies Plus #192

4405 Milestrip Rd.
Blasdell, NY 14219
Tim 716-400-5495

If you have a store front or building you could donate or offer at a low rent, please contact Marie at 716-646-5577, extension 5



Ten Lives Club FeLV kitties 2022



FeLV, or Feline Leukemia Virus, is an incurable disease that infects many cats. It weakens their immune systems and ultimately shortens their lifespan. Ten Lives Club tests every cat for FeLV and those that test positive have their own room in our shelter. Unfortunately, FeLV can be easily spread to other

cats through grooming and sharing food dishes, so they have to be kept separately. There are several positive kitties in our FeLV room at any given time so they can keep each other company, plus they get plenty of visitors daily. 2022 had its ups and downs when it comes to our leukemia population, but luckily there were more ups. Through the hard work of Crystal, our cat care coordinator, several of these cats got adopted. Crystal worked hard to promote them and share their stories on social media with great results. Spot, Marble, Peek-a-boo, Abigail and Ariana, Stewy, Tina, Trent, and Oliver and Cosmo all found forever homes.

It is not easy for someone to open their home and hearts to a cat that will have health issues and most likely, a shorter life span than other cats. However, TLC made it happen by pulling at the public's heartstrings through creative posts. We are so proud of the results and so happy for these kiddos being able to have their own families and to know the love of having a safe home to live out their lives.

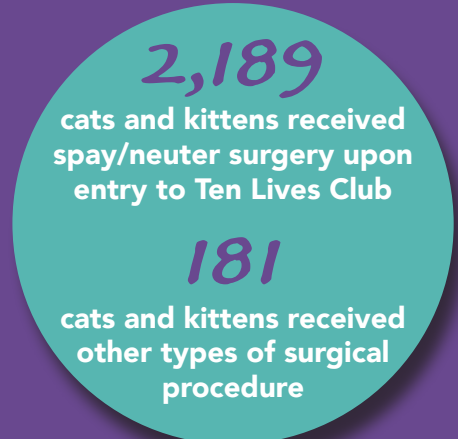
Heartache also did inevitably come with all these happy tails though. Another kitty named Oliver, and Missey, the daughter of Tina, lost their battles with feline leukemia. Their little bodies could no longer fight, and we had to make the kindest decision for them to let them go across the rainbow bridge. It hurts the hearts of all the staff and

volunteers when we lose any TLC cat to illness despite our best efforts. However, we will always make the best decision for them when we see that they are suffering. Our vet team is committed to providing the best possible health care to all the cats in the shelter. We use all our diagnostics to test their blood cell counts and organ function so we can provide targeted treatment when they need it. They get every chance we can provide to help them pull through.

Our commitment to these kitties will continue throughout the new year. 2023 already started with a couple more FeLV happy tails which we will include in next year's report. Hopefully someday there will be a cure to this awful disease. Until then, they will get the best opportunity to live their best lives at Ten Lives Club.



The cost of care for the cats surrendered to Ten Lives Club can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Your continued support ensures these deserving cats get the care they need for a chance at a happy, healthy life. Vet care is provided by two part-time veterinarians, three vet technicians and two vet assistants.





Cuterebra, bot fly larvae

Cuterebra, or bot fly larvae, infection is commonly encountered in shelter medicine. The cat is an accidental host because the fly normally infects rodents and rabbits. Cats become infected when hunting or hanging out near rodent burrows. Young feral or stray kittens can become infected when they are born or cared for near contaminated grounds.

Cuterebra larvae enters a cat's body (host) through skin openings, most often the nose and mouth. They then migrate to tissues under the skin to continue development. A "breathing" hole through the skin is formed. The larvae completes its development beneath the skin. Larvae then leave the host through the skin hole as a pupae and finish development to an adult fly outside the host. Early stages of Cuterebra are hard to identify. Most cases become noticeable only when the larvae enlarge or when a breathing hole is formed. Many cats will develop an abscess at the larval infection site beneath the skin.

Treatment of the cat or kitten for Cuterebra in most cases involves enlarging the breathing hole and manually extracting the larvae with forceps. The affected area is cleaned and debrided. Broad spectrum antibiotics are used to clean up any residual tissue infection.

Prognosis is good if only a single or few larvae are present, and cats have a complete resolution. It is important to note that some cases are much more serious if the host

is infected with multiple larvae at the same time, or if the larvae migration ends within the nerve tissue of the face or spinal cord.

Pictured here one of the six cats Ten Lives Club has treated for Cuterebra infection last year alone.



WISH LIST

15 Surgery Packs – \$200 each

Dental Equipment for cleaning – \$3,000

Van – New or used, to transport cats to stores and to use for special events

Cat Cam web system – to live stream our free range cat rooms on our website, \$2,000

If you can help with any of these wishes, please call us at **716-646-5577 ext. 6** or email joesprague@tenlivesclub.com



Thankful Fur Pets Expo

Ten Lives Club and the SPCA Serving Erie County teamed up for the Thankful Fur Pets Expo at the McKinley Mall on Saturday, November 26, 2022.

Both organizations saw a great need to help animal rescues get their cats and dogs adopted so they joined forces with Best Friends Animal Society, Cellino Plumbing and Clyde's Feed to bring homeless animals right to those interested in adopting inside the mall. The SPCA Serving Erie County recently formed an animal rescue coalition to assist in the crisis of animal surrenders here locally in Western New York and Ten Lives Club is a valued partner in this mission. The event was one step in helping homeless animals find their forever homes.

"We were so proud to partner with the SPCA Serving Erie County on this outstanding event. Many rescues shared their gratitude that the event brought out many interested adopters who were able to learn more about their animals and how to apply to foster and adopt. We hope to do more of these adoption events in the future to help our local rescues," said Kimberly LaRussa, public relations manager for Ten Lives Club.

Animal rescues and shelters with adoptable animals that were present included Ten Lives Club, Buddy's Second Chance Rescue, City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, Open Arms Rescue of WNY, Be Their Voice Rescue, Nickel City Canine Rescue, Hamburg Mutts for Freedom, Empire Animal Rescue Society (EARS), Joyful Rescues, 7 Hearts Maternity Rescue and Awesome Paws.

Several dogs and cats found their forever homes thanks to the Thankful Fur Pets Expo.





Love at first sight

I adopted two four-month-old beautiful tabbies, Maggie and Scooter, 14 years ago from Ten Lives Club at the Petco in West Seneca. Maggie sadly passed from cancer three years ago. She was a beautiful and precious little girl. Scooter was her brother, and they were a bonded pair so you had to take both. I had just lost my 19-year-old Tabby before I adopted them. I was brokenhearted. They filled our hearts with their precious love for all the years we had them. Sadly, a year and a half ago Scooter was diagnosed with cancer too. He lived a very loved and happy life until the last two weeks when we had to put him to sleep.



I was not going to get another cat since the pain was unbearable. Then I went into a terrible depression with frequent crying. It seemed for no reason. I couldn't understand this. A month later my husband agreed to look at Ten Lives Club and see what they had. He knew my depression had to be over the loss of Scooter.

I saw a calico named Lady I had liked online. I thought she was at the main shelter but when we got there it was another Lady, and the Lady I wanted was at Williamsville.

It was almost closing time, but my husband insisted on going there. When I got there, poor little Lady was taken out of the cage to meet me, hanging on all the newspaper in there. She was petrified and pressed up against the wall when she got out, so frightened. Poor little thing. I suggested she may need more fostering. Then we looked around, nothing clicked, and I was ready to leave empty-handed when all of a sudden my husband said, why don't we look in that big room.

I hardly looked around the big room, and over by the window in a hammock was a tabby all alone. I looked over and our eyes met. I picked her up, she rubbed her face on mine. I looked in her eyes again, and she kissed my nose. Needless to say, it was all over. I said to my husband that I want this one – it was love at first sight. Mabel was her name and we renamed her Angel. I called her Angel all the way home. She was so sweet. She totally lifted my depression, my crying, my blues. The next day I was a different person, my old self, it was like a miracle.

I was apparently mourning my little Scooter horribly. I believe Angel is a gift from God. She is so loving and tuned into me as I am tuned into her. I love her more than I can express, and so does my husband. She is smart and learns very fast.

I want to thank Ten Lives Club with all my heart for making this possible and for all the hard, selfless work you each do. I am happy all the time now and it is because of my little Angel. She filled a black hole in my soul, and again, I thank Ten Lives Club for this.

– Linda Cordier



*Instead of leaving monies in your will,
please consider a donation now
so you can see for yourself,
the impact it will make on the cats.*

For more information about Planned Giving,
contact Joe at 716-646-5577 ext. 6,
to receive our booklet.



Adoptions

Momma Nutmeg had been at Ten Lives Club for over 300 days waiting to be adopted. This sweet girl had often been overlooked by adopters as she was seen as “less adoptable” due to her condition of being susceptible to upper respiratory infections. But here at TLC, we don’t give up hope! On October 25, 2022, Gwen and her daughter Valerie drove over an hour to adopt her and welcomed her with open arms. Nutmeg is one of many cats who are at a disadvantage to finding a home due to medical issues but deserve a family just like any other cat.



Lupitus was a harder-to-adopt cat as he is diabetic and requires insulin to manage his health condition. Lupitus lived in one of our downstairs offices and loved to see everyone who came into the shelter. Lupitus had multiple adoptions fall through, not of his own fault, but here at Ten Lives Club we never lost hope for him to find his forever family. Finally a lovely young couple, Ryan and Lizzie, stopped by to visit Lupitus and fell in love! Ryan and Lizzie were former fosters in our foster care program! They cared deeply about his medical condition and had our wonderful vet team show them how to administer Lupitus’ insulin. Lupitus went to his furever home on December 20, just in time for Christmas! Lupitus is now the happiest boy in his new home and is a daddy’s boy.



FeLV+ adoptions are always so special as these cats are often overlooked due to their medical conditions. In January 2022, a wonderful woman named Beth came in to adopt a FeLV+ cat and brought home **Peek-a-boo** after she fell in love. Beth came back in October of 2022 to adopt another FeLV+ cat to give Peek-a-boo a friend. Beth ended up falling in love with two FeLV+ cats, **Trent and Barbara**. This was a very exciting adoption as we had two more of our FeLV+ cats go home together to the same family who adopted Peek-a-boo!





Peppa and Pepper (mama and baby) are a bonded FIV+ pair who came into Ten Lives Club on December 10, 2022, terrified from the abuse they endured by their previous owner. The pair came in and were inseparable from the start, clinging to one another and always snuggling. Sadly, when it came to their adoptions, people only wanted one or the other, but as they are bonded, we could not bear to separate them. Finally on January 10, exactly one month later, Peppa and Pepper were adopted by a wonderful family who was beyond excited to welcome these two into their home.



Pops, a senior FIV+ kitty, was adopted on December 19, 2022 by a wonderful woman who was so excited to take him home. Pops had been at Ten Lives Club Since June of 2022, a total of 181 days. As an older cat of 7 years old, Pops had to receive a dental due to discomfort in his mouth. He is a sweet boy who resided in one of our upstairs offices at Ten Lives Club. He is now happily living in his forever home.



Galaxy, a friendly cat who would also greet visitors at the shelter, was adopted by a wonderful man named Paul. Galaxy had been at our main shelter since August 2022, awaiting a dental. Galaxy was a fan favorite for everyone who visited and gave the best snuggles. Paul had been interested in adopting Galaxy since September of 2022 and was finally able to adopt him in December of 2022. As soon as Paul came to pick up Galaxy, he snuggled right up into his arms.





The joys of fostering

I cannot believe how time flies. Last year I applied to become a foster at Ten Lives Club and it's coming up on one year that I have been a foster mom for adorable kittens. I get excited when Dee, the foster coordinator, calls me and asks if I can foster new babies. I always say of course! As soon as I bring the new kittens home I give them a bath. This helps them relax and start the bonding process with me. I want them to know I am here to help and not hurt them. Then I give them food and usually they are a lot more comfortable right away. Of course I want to hug and kiss them right away but I know I must be



patient and give the kittens time. When the foster kitties come to the house they stay upstairs in the spare room/my office. It's a nice ample space for them to roam and feel comfortable. Every day I lay on the floor with them and sit with them. They only sometimes want to come over immediately, but if you stay at their level, they will come around much faster.

We do not look so intimidating when we are lying down. I talk to cats and tell them how pretty and sweet they are. Sometimes I swear I know they understand what I am saying. When the kittens are tiny, they usually need some medicine, whether exceptional food, eye drops, or medication for upper respiratory infections. That takes time and commitment to give the kittens meds. I love doing it. I am swamped and probably take on more than I should, but I love it. Between working, going to college, running a family, taking care of my own animals, and caring for my fosters, it is gratifying. I love watching the fosters get better and grow. As soon as they are bigger and feel better, you see their personalities come out. They are all different. They are amazing. But it is not always a happy time when fostering.

Winter of 2022, I took in two foster kittens who were thriving and playing but were very young. I would take them to my room every night for a little while to play around in my room and on my bed. At first, they were scared, but then it was like a routine for them to play on my bed before I took them upstairs for bedtime. There was one boy and one girl. The girl would protect her brother. They were the only ones left in the litter that was found outside. One day while working from home, I saw that the boy kitten seemed more sluggish and tired than usual. I made an appointment with the lovely vet staff at the Ten Lives Club,

and they got me in immediately. The kittens were given meds, and we were sent on our way. When we got home, the kittens were resting and then ate dinner.

Everything would be alright and get better. The following day my husband brought the boy kitten down before he had to go to work and said he didn't look very well. I placed the boy kitty in my bed and waited until the Ten Lives Club opened that morning to get an appointment for a sick visit. I snuggled my cute little boy kitty. He was having trouble keeping his head up. I held him in my arms to try and make him feel better. He went to sleep in my arms. I noticed that he wasn't moving anymore. I then realized he had passed away in my arms in his sleep. He didn't make any sudden movements or cries, so I figured he went peacefully. I cried because I treat my fosters like they are all my animals until it's time for them to go to their forever home. I've never had a young kitten pass away in my arms. It is not fun, but I am glad he didn't have to die alone. I hope I made him feel comfortable enough to pass peacefully. Even though that was devastating for me, I would never stop fostering. There will be happy and sad times. Overall, it is gratifying. When my foster babies leave me and go to the store to be adopted, I am sorry to see them go but also excited to see the new cats that come to me, and the adventure begins over again. Ten Lives Club needs people in our communities to support the club more than ever. They strictly rely on community donations and volunteers. This organization is fantastic, and they all have the same focus in mind: to save cats.

– Melissa Miller





Sadie is my whole heart

I work as one of the cat caregivers at Ten Lives Club. After losing my cat who was my whole heart, I never thought I'd be able to feel that way about another cat again. Until one day a beautiful tabby came in with the most striking green eyes. She was very scared and would scratch and hiss towards anyone who would try to go into her suite.

Day by day I worked with her...giving her treats, talking to her, and moving very slow. One day while I was taking care of her, she came up and rubbed her head on my

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arm and I was able to pet her. It was an amazing feeling that she trusted me. Every morning when I came to work, she would call out for me with her little

chirps, and I would give her treats and rubs. I'm not sure at what point it happened, but I got very attached to her and that's something I thought I would never be able to do with another cat.

Since she was finishing up her medication, I could not adopt her. At this point I was undeniably attached to her and could not stand the thought of her not becoming my forever pet. I asked the adoption coordinator and the vet if I could become a medical foster where I could take her home for the next two weeks until she was done with her medication. They said yes and at the end of the two weeks I could adopt her.

That night I took her home with me. I am so grateful for Ten Lives Club for allowing me to adopt my girl. She will never replace my beloved Duchess, but she gave me a piece of my heart back that I thought was gone forever. The very first night she came home with me, she slept in bed with me...all cuddled up and purring. I teared up a bit. I was so happy she was home with me. My little green-eyed beauty Sadie will live the rest of her life in the lap of luxury with me thanks to Ten Lives Club.

– Crystal Farish

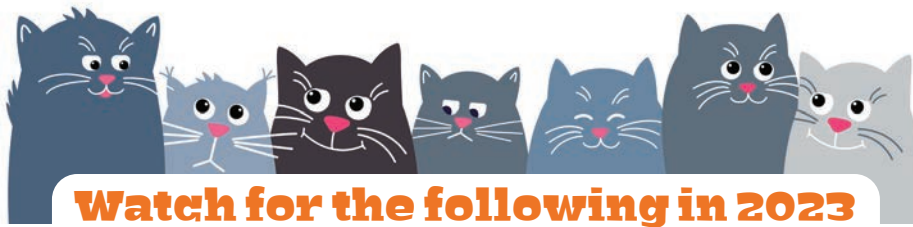


Foster care program

Not every animal that comes to TLC is ready for adoption. Some need to grow, others need to recover from sickness or illness. **As of December 31, 2022, we have 312 foster homes.**

In 2022 we had **1,912** cats/kittens in foster care





Watch for the following in 2023

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| Kitty Bingo – February 19, May 19, October 15 | Summer Raffle – July 8 |
| Birthday Party – February 25 | Cruise for a Cause – August |
| Furball – March 19 | Resurgence to the Rescue event – August |
| Meat Raffle – March 30 | Save a Cat, Eat a Dog
(George's Hot Dog Stand) – August |
| World's Largest Garage Sale – May | Pasta Dinner – September |
| Kitty Shower – April 27 | Meat Raffle – November |
| Resurgence to the Rescue Pet Photo Contest – June | Holiday & Wreath Sale – November 2 |
| Car Show – June 4 | Winter Raffle – December 9 |
| Beer for Cats – June, December | Celebration of Lights Open House – December |



If you haven't come out to one of our Kitty Bingo games yet you need to ask yourself why! You're missing out on the opportunity to yell "Bingo," meowing for the bingo caller, and lots of other fun things. But most importantly you have missed out on one of our great bingo prizes, valued at between \$25 to \$245. So be sure to make plans to attend our first Kitty Bingo in 2023 from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 19 at Woodlawn Fire Hall in Blasdell. We hope to see you there!



Bingo raises \$15,000