



# **2021** IMPACT REPORT

*Our numbers tell our story*



Dear Supporters:

As you read through our 2021 Impact Report and learn more about what Ten Lives Club has accomplished throughout the year, we hope you will be inspired to support our organization that was able to save more than 3,000 cats during a pandemic and more than 38,000 cats in our lifetime. We are a safe haven for cats that wouldn't stand a chance if it weren't for amazing supporters like you and our incredible staff and volunteers.

When the days seem unbearable with all the hard work and effort each staff member and volunteer puts in, we remind ourselves that Ten Lives Club was started to save as many cats as we can. We always make it a point to stop and smile and realize that all of us together are making a huge difference. Ten Lives Club is truly what rescue is all about. We have a pet food pantry; we hold weekly spay/neuter clinics for feral cats, rescue groups and personal pets; we have 14 adoption locations; and our adoption rates are phenomenal. No other rescue in Western New York is able to take in the amount of cats that we do and that's a direct result of your support.

We have many exciting goals we are hopeful to accomplish in the new year that will make Ten Lives Club bigger and better than ever. I still can't believe how big TLC has become since our first shelter was started on my property in North Boston in 2001. We are proud to say that our location in Blasdell is our forever home and we can't wait to expand on our property and make TLC the best cat shelter it was always meant to be.

We are immensely grateful to you for all you've done to help us accomplish our goals. Cats are supposed to have nine lives, but because of you... they gain an extra life when they are with us.



**Marie Edwards**  
*Founder & Executive Director*  
Ten Lives Club

# Highlights

*Ten Lives Club cat rescue would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you this year. You've given our cats and kittens the greatest gift they could ever receive... the gift of a life saved!*

We are very proud to report to you that even during a pandemic...Ten Lives Club took in the most cats in one year than we ever have before. More than 3,000 cats came into our organization from all over (WNY, Cattaraugus, Erie, Niagara counties, southern kill shelters, Puerto Rico and more). We believe a cat is a cat no matter where they come from. That's why we work so hard to save as many as we possibly can, thanks to you – our amazing supporters and donors – who have helped us save more than 38,000 cats in the past 21 years.

This year has also been filled with many positive changes! We welcomed talented new staff members including our new Director of Shelter Operations, Joseph Sprague. Joseph has 30 years of experience in animal welfare and has worked as the executive director at animal shelters across the nation. We are very excited to have him on board and we know you will love him too!



We've had many inspiring cat rescue stories happening throughout the year. One of our most memorable was helping Jud, a homeless veteran, and a cat named Junior he befriended outside of the shelter he was residing. Jud did not have the money to care for Junior

when he was badly injured by another cat in his colony, so Jud called Ten Lives Club and we were more than happy to assist. Junior, the cat, lived at our shelter for many months until Jud found a place to stay. We are grateful to report that Jud and Junior now live in their own apartment TOGETHER thanks to your support!



Another successful cat rescue mission took place this summer when a hurricane hit Louisiana. Ten Lives Club teamed up with Best Friends Animal Society and other rescues to save cats from kill shelters before and after the hurricane hit. One of our volunteers made a nice room in our warehouse just for them. Many volunteers, our shelter veterinarian, and staff eagerly anticipated their arrival when the Best Friends transport van pulled up to our shelter late at night. The cats were given plenty of love, food, and water and they had air conditioning to keep cool. That warehouse is a blessing to us as we will be turning it into a veterinarian clinic in the very near future.

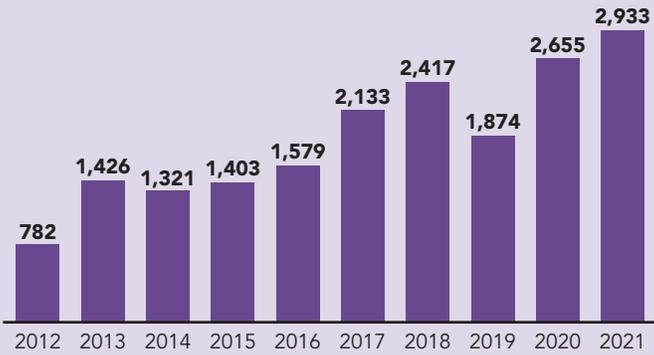


We also took in many abandoned kittens; surrendered cats from domestic violence situations; cats whose owner passed away; hoarding cases and more. And sadly, we had to help cats left in dumpsters, thrown out of car windows, or left outside of our shelter this year. As heart-breaking as this is, it's because of your generosity that we are able to say yes to helping when many others have said no.



**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.

# TEN LIVES CLUB ANNUAL ADOPTIONS



Total for 10 years **16,353** cats found their forever homes.



In 2021,

# 94%

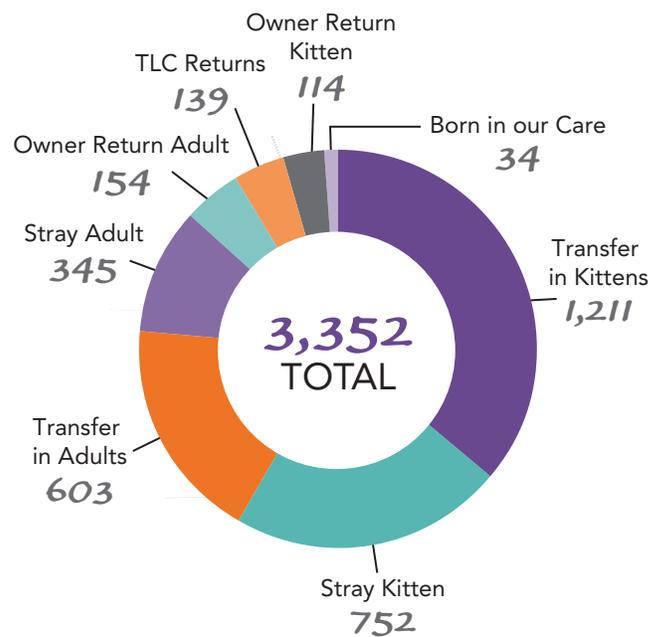
of Ten Lives Club's operating budget came directly from donations and special events.



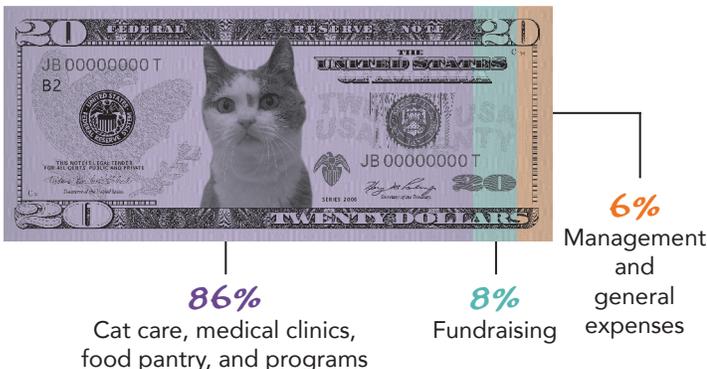
In 2021, Ten Lives Club Pet Food Pantry received **122,404 pounds (61.20 tons)**

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

## 2021 INTAKE



## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES





Because of you

**2,933**  
**CATS**

received a second chance.



## All hands on deck... literally.

In early October our friends at West Side Cat Sanctuary alerted our rescue to a large group of cats that had been left behind at a home after their owner passed away. The person currently caring for them stated that all the cats originated from a single male cat still in the home. Ten Lives Club knew they had to step in and help.

Our veterinarian Dr. Fisk, vet techs Claudia and Jenille, vet assistant Don, shelter manager Alli, Jamie M., and volunteer Bob physically went to the house and began assessing the cats. This is not our normal procedure. The goal was to vaccinate, worm and flea-med as many as possible, preparing them for relocation. Situations like this have no simple fix.



Upon entry, there were cats lounging all over the kitchen table, counter, stove and chairs. Many more were lying on the bed or hiding in a once walk-in closet. Under Dr Fisk's direction, 17 cats were distemper and rabies vaccinated, wormed, given flea medication, micro-chipped and velcro-collared. Three young kittens and a young adult cat with severe hair loss were brought back to the shelter for treatment. This effort was just a start and it was going to take a village to get these cats relocated. Time was ticking and the cats needed to be

moved. West Side Cat Sanctuary paid for the spay/neuter costs for all of the felines and we worked together with the rescue community to find the cats their forever homes.



## Planets aligned to save Mercury

Mercury had a hard life until he came into the Ten Lives Club program. At just a couple weeks old, Mercury and his seven siblings were found on the side of the road after a car threw all eight kittens out of it, aiming for a road sign. All the kittens did hit the road sign which devastatingly killed seven of them. Mercury was the lone survivor.



Because of cat lovers like you, Mercury got the happily ever after he deserved. He was placed into an experienced bottle feeding foster home where he was able to grow and recover from the trauma. After being nursed back to health, Mercury's foster mom fell in love with him and officially adopted him.



# Copperfield, the kitten, thought she'd never find a home



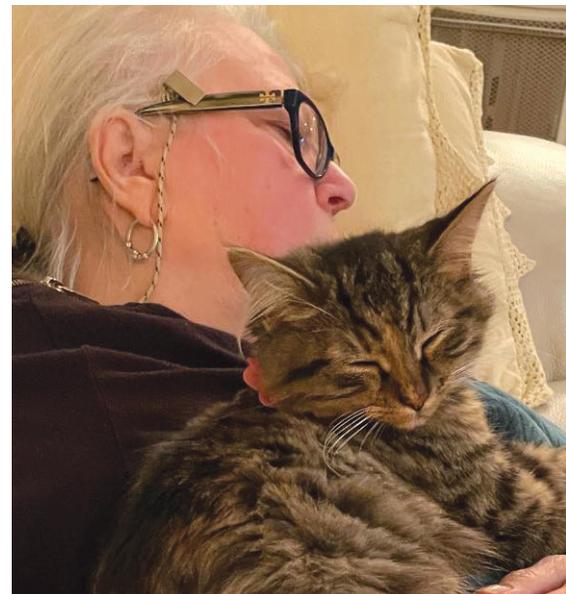
Copperfield came to Ten Lives Club scared. At only four months old, she didn't understand why she was in a shelter right before Christmas. Fortunately she didn't have to wonder for too long.

A wonderful family came to our shelter on Christmas Eve. They were looking for a companion for their grandmother who had owned cats her whole life and was devastated when hers passed away. The moment the family saw sweet Copperfield in her cage, they knew she was the one.

Copperfield stayed with the family until they were ready to give her to grandma on Christmas morning. Grandma couldn't believe her eyes when the adorable little ball of fur was placed on her lap. It was love at first sight.

Copperfield didn't leave grandma's side. It's almost as if she knew she was home. They stayed on the couch together, cuddling all day.

Copperfield was one of many cats who received their Christmas wish of finding their forever home. We hope to make more dreams come true for kittens like Copperfield.



## 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. Nearly **160 dedicated foster volunteers** provided the loving and nurturing care needed to prepare these cat and kittens for their new families.

**1,361**  
animals were  
cared for in  
loving foster  
families





# 76% of all adoptions happen at one of our 13 satellite locations

Ten Lives Club has three offsite adoption locations at PetSmart locations around Western New York. Between our adoption locations at the PetSmart in East Aurora, Lockport, and Cheektowaga, over 564 cats and kittens found their forever homes this year.

To help us get as many cats and kittens into new homes, PetSmart Charities hosted two National Adoption Week events in 2021. Pictured here is Margaret, our Store Coordinator for the PetSmart in East Aurora. She was taking a homeless cat named Bella to her store to get adopted during the National Adoption Week.



## INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A NEW CAT OR KITTEN?

Stop by any one of these 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 below.

## ADOPTION LOCATIONS

### Main Shelter

3741 Lakeshore Road  
Blasdell, NY 14219  
716-646-5577 ext.2

### 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.2

### PetSmart

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

### PetSmart

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

### PetSmart

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

### Pet Supplies Plus #116

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

### Pet Supplies Plus #134

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

### Pet Supplies Plus #172

3733 Union Road, Ste 200  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
508-404-3892

### Pet Supplies Plus #174

9630 Transit Road  
East Amherst, NY 14501  
716-689-9190

### Pet Supplies Plus #197

2952 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
Amherst, NY 14228  
561-945-6668

### Petco

330 Orchard Park Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
716-997-4694

### Pet Supplies Plus #4055

4970 Transit Road  
Depew, NY 14043  
716-698-5115

### Petco

1520 Military Road, Ste 130  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
716-523-1498



Darwin, adopted from Pet Supplies Plus in East Amherst



Jasper & Bagheera, both FIV+, adopted from Pet Supplies Plus on Niagara Falls Blvd



Ivan, FIV+, adopted from Pet Supplies Plus on Niagara Falls Blvd



# Ten Lives Club at the Eastern Hills Mall hits 3,000 adoptions!

Ten Lives Club at the Eastern Hills Mall reached a milestone of 3,000 adoptions on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>! TLC opened the Eastern Hills Mall location in June of 2017 after the Erie County SPCA moved to their West Seneca location. TLC only had a few free roamers and very few volunteers. Now they are our number one adoption center!

We are so excited for our wonderful staff and volunteers there who make this possible! We would not be able to adopt out the amount of cats that we do each year without our locations across WNY and the incredible people who give these beautiful animals loving homes!

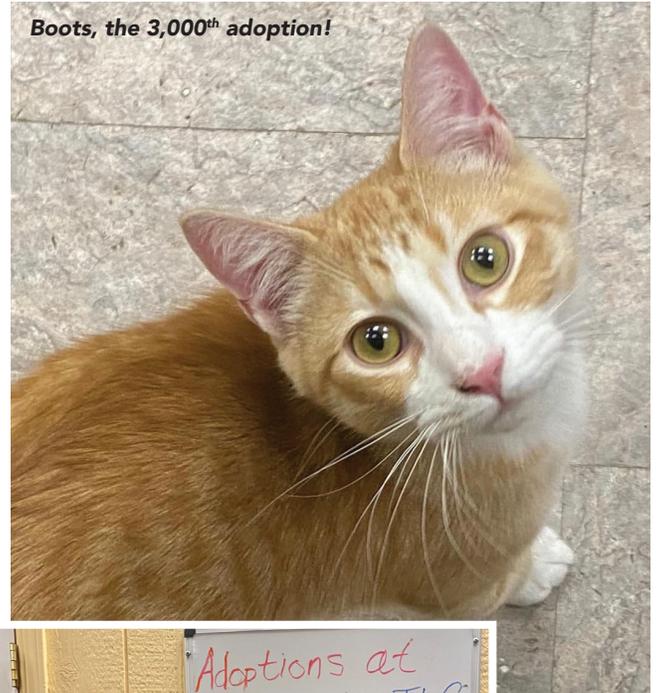
Ten Lives Club at the Eastern Hills Mall is a really beautiful location that keeps very busy and what makes it so special is it only focuses on adoptions, so each adopter gets a truly one-of-a-kind experience when they go there to meet a cat.

In 2021, this location adopted out over

# 900

cats and kittens.

*Boots, the 3,000<sup>th</sup> adoption!*





# Ten Lives Club invests in an in-house blood machine



Barry, a 2-year-old orange tabby cat, was found on the streets of Cheektowaga. He started experiencing a wealth of health troubles post adoption. The usual remedies for GI upset and diarrhea were not working, so we gave Barry an exam and a blood sample was drawn to see what might be wrong.

While we may never know how Barry contracted haemobartonella, identifying the regenerative anemia using the IDEXX machine allowed him to start the treatment that saved his life. Barry is now recovered and doing well in his new home with longtime volunteer, Joanne Daniels, who adopted him. Thanks to the generosity of Ten Lives Club supporters, the veterinary staff is able to practice a higher quality of medicine for its rescued cats. Time is of the essence when it comes to saving cats and now we are able to receive blood results in 30 minutes – a privilege that saved Barry’s life.

Thankfully our new IDEXX blood analyzer machine was just set up and being demonstrated. Barry’s blood was the first sample to be checked in our shelter.

Barry was severely anemic (low red cell count). Further testing revealed that he had feline infectious anemia, a life-threatening condition caused by the blood parasite mycoplasma haemofelis. This parasite is often spread by blood-sucking mosquitoes, fleas and ticks.



# Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)

A sadly known fact is that many animal shelters euthanize FIV+ cats and kittens that enter their doors. That’s why for the past 21 years, Ten Lives Club has provided a safe haven for FIV+ cats until a proper home is found for them. We consistently receive transfers of FIV+ cats from local and out of state shelters where adoption programs do not exist for these cats. In 2021, TLC has made another big change when it comes to our FIV+ cats as we are now housing them within our regular cat population as they are no threat to the other cats. This makes life for these sweet and innocent cats even better.



CHLOE – available at PSP Sheridan

In 2021, we are proud to have adopted out

**89** FIV+ cats

to loving homes.

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.

In 2021, TLC hosted **97** public Spay/Neuter Clinics that provided **588** cats and kittens with spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations and other medical services. These clinics were open to both personally-owned pets, and cats from other area rescues.

**1,906**  
cats and kitten  
received spay/neuter  
surgery upon entry  
to Ten Lives Club

# Priscilla's tenth life



Priscilla was at death's door when you helped Ten Lives Club save her life this past September. Priscilla, a beautiful Siamese cat, was found on the streets of Buffalo's west side – barely conscious, unable to walk, at the mercy of whoever crossed her path. The kind woman who found her knew that Priscilla deserved a chance. Her story wouldn't end there. Not like that.

Ten Lives Club helped Priscilla when no one else could. Our weekly spay/neuter clinic turned into an "all hands on deck" life-saving effort. Priscilla had been trying to deliver kittens for days; kittens who had already crossed the rainbow bridge. She was in septic shock. With a final push, this brave, tired mama's heart stopped and she was clinically dead. But her story didn't end there either.

The Good Samaritan who rushed Priscilla to Ten Lives Club, and our vet staff who worked on her for hours, weren't the only heroes that fateful day.

**You were.**

Heart compressions. Breathing machine. Emergency drugs. Oxygen tube. A shot of epinephrine directly into the heart. Extensive emergency surgery. Donors like you saved Priscilla's life. Your generosity allows us to employ two vets in-house and maintain a surgical suite stocked with the medicine and supplies that Priscilla needed.

Ten Lives Club was founded 20 years ago to help stray cats like Priscilla. Cats who are cold, hungry, sick, and in distress living on the streets, who need a second chance to find someone who will love and care for them. Someone like you. Donors like you have helped more than 38,000 cats, including many who came to us in desperate need of love and care.

Just like the day that Priscilla was given another chance, this life-saving work continues to be "all hands on deck." Ten Lives Club would not exist without our community of donors, adopters, fosters, volunteers, and supporters – people like you who do and give what you can. As we enter a new year, we are investing in our



mission in many exciting ways including turning the warehouse behind our shelter into a low cost vet clinic for the community. Your support helps employ dedicated staff, buy supplies that grants don't cover, and make sure that Ten Lives Club can help cats like Priscilla for another 20 years.

We are happy to share that sweet Priscilla has been adopted into a loving home.





## 2022 Goals

- Complete the vet office and surgery suite in the warehouse. By completing this space, Ten Lives Club will be able to provide low cost spay/neuter and other minor services to other local rescue groups and personally-owned pets.
- Hold public rabies, distemper, and microchip clinics for pet owners at a reduced price at our medical suite in the warehouse.
- Remodel our main shelter to offer a better adoption center and space to operate in a less confined environment for both the cats and people.
- Create more free-roaming rooms for cats, reducing their stay in cages.
- Increase intake of cats whenever feasible.
- Enhanced education of the importance of spay/neuter to save cats.
- Partner with like-minded organizations and rescues to help cats.
- Installation of Cat Cam in all of our free range cat rooms to be broadcast on our website.
- Launch of our annual magazine, *Good Mousekeeping*.



### New Clothing Line

**Kitty Bingo** – March 6, May 22, October 2

### Real Housecats of Buffalo

**Photo Contest** starting Feb 7

**Furball** – March 20

**Meat Raffle** – April 7

**World's Largest Garage Sale** – May

**Bark in the Park** – May 28

### Resurgence to the Rescue

**Pet Photo Contest** – June

**Car Show** – June 5

**Pet Expo** – June 18

**Beer for Cats** – June 10, December 9

**Summer Raffle** – July

**Cruise for a Cause** – August

**Resurgence to the Rescue event** – August

### Save a Cat, Eat a Dog

(George's Hot Dog Stand) – August

**Spaghetti Dinner** – September

**Meat Raffle** – November 17

**Holiday Raffle & Wreath Sale** – November 27

**Winter Raffle** – December

**Celebration of Lights Open House** – December 5



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## WISH LIST

**8 iPads** – \$400 each for medical and adoptions

**15 Surgery Packs** – \$150 each

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

**Autoclave** – for sterilizing surgery packs, new \$7,000

**Cat Cam web system** – to live stream our free range cat rooms on our website, \$8,000

**2 Continuum Flat Top Surgery Tables, Hydraulic** – \$2,500

If you can help with any of these wishes, please call us at

**716-646-5577 ext. 6**

or email

**[info@tenlivesclub.com](mailto:info@tenlivesclub.com)**



TO PROMOTE, FURTHER, AND ENHANCE ALL CAT LIFE.