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## Friends of Metro Animal Services April 1, 2026 Newsletter

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### A True Golden Girl: Blanche Devereaux's Inspiring Story

Thank you for being a friend! Thanks to your financial support of FOMAS and the skilled staff at Metro Animal Services (MAS), Blanche Devereaux is another success story that we are grateful to be able to share. A staff member at Hurstbourne Animal Hospital found Blanche scared and alone, and she was taken to MAS. When Blanche first arrived at MAS, she was in severe condition and needed immediate care, but she was brought to the right place.

Blanche received a level of care that would not have been possible without the kind people who helped her along her journey, or without you. Your financial support of FOMAS' mission helps to ensure that animals in MAS' care are receiving the help they need and deserve. You will be able to read more about Blanche's story of hardship, recovery, and her "golden" future, along with the power of teamwork, in our Spring Appeal. Keep an eye out because the Spring Appeal hits mailboxes in May.



## An MAS MVP: Devan Carrier

While March Madness has folks debating the most valuable player (MVP) of the men's and women's basketball tournaments, we would like to introduce you to Devan Carrier. Devan is a hard-working, passionate Adoption Coordinator at Metro Animal Services (MAS) and our current MVP. Devan has been part of the MAS team for a year and a half, and her coworkers describe her as the person who is always ready to solve problems and takes special time and care for the animals that need it most. As a member of the Adoptions team, Devan handles cleaning, caretaking, and preparing animals for adoption. Devan recognizes that connecting with animals doesn't rely on words - it relies on presence, consistency, and trust. She believes every animal deserves a home, and she gives extra attention to the animals that need more help coming out of their shells due to anxiety or shyness.



Devan was born in Mississippi but raised in Southern Indiana. Outside of work, she's a mom first, and she shares her love for animals with her kids. On her days off, Devan enjoys listening to true crime shows and playing travel club soccer. When the weather is nice, she enjoys hiking with her family. Whether it's at the shelter or at home, Devan is a powerhouse in making sure everyone is taken care of. Thank you, Devan, for being another terrific team player at MAS who works so hard to get animals out of the shelter. You are our current MVP!

## Chip, Don't Forget! 2026 Microchip Clinics

With National Pet ID Week approaching, we want to talk about the low-cost Microchip Clinics at Metro Animal Services (MAS). On Sunday, March 22nd, MAS wrapped up its third drive-through Microchip Clinic this year. At only \$10 per chip for Jefferson County residents, these clinics offer a low-cost and convenient way to microchip your pet. To date, 85 animals have been chipped thanks to the incredible staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make these clinics possible.



Microchipping is essential for keeping track of your canine or feline friend and maintaining their safety. Even if your animal primarily stays indoors, they could always escape or get loose through a cracked door or window. We care about your pet's safety as much as you do, and if your pet ever gets lost, their microchip is a direct link to you! Getting your pets chipped and keeping the information up-to-date associated with the chip ensures that your pet will always find their way back to you, no matter how far they roam. Stay tuned to the FOMAS and MAS social media pages for future microchip events.

## Barkchelolette #1: Ham Shamwitch

FREE FOOD!! Kind of. . . This is no April Fool's joke as Ham Shamwitch (A793610) has her adoption fee covered by the FOMAS Champions VIP Program. She's a beautiful 7-year-old brindle baby, and here's what her wingwoman at MAS had to say about her:

"Talk about a sweetie! Ham Shamwitch (aka Hammy) is an absolute doll. She's spry, spunky, so snuggly, and if I hadn't seen her age on the sheet, I'd never believe she's 7. She's great on leash, perfectly house-trained, and was so easy in her crate when I left the house. The rest of the time, she thinks she's a lap dog and just wants to cuddle for hours."

Her perfect match would be someone who wants an old snuggle bug who's still licking. Check her out [HERE](#). She'll make your heart full!



## Barkchelolette #2 : Cookie

Hope you have the appetite for another cutie! Cookie (A674364) is a sweet 8-year old gal, looking for a place to call home. We asked her wingwoman what she's serving up:

"Cookie is sweeter than any dessert. She is an easy-going couch potato with a big heart. She loves kids, cats, and other dogs. Cookie just wants to be friends with everyone! She loves being outside and people-watching. If this sounds like you, drop by and meet her."

No tricks with these barkchelolettes, only treats! Check Cookie out [HERE](#) if you're looking for a sweet addition to your family. As part of the Champions VIP Program, FOMAS covers her adoption fees and supplies her new family with some essentials when you adopt her.



## Upcoming Events

April 9 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM |  
Adoption Event at Mall St. Matthew's  
5000 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

April 11 @ 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM |  
National Pet Day Dinner Pawty Fundraiser at Raising Cane's  
Raising Cane's, 10490 Westport Rd, Louisville, KY 40241

April 30 @ 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM |  
National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day Dinner Pawty Fundraiser at CM Chicken  
2221 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206



## Mark Your Calendar

April 1-7 | International Pooper Scooper Week

April 8 | National Zoo Lovers Day

April 10 | National Farm Animals Day

April 11 | National Pet Day

April 12-18 | National Animal Control Appreciation Week

April 17-24 | National Pet ID Week

April 20 | Volunteer Recognition Day

April 20-27 | National Volunteer Week

April 23 | National Lost Dog Awareness Day

April 27 | National Hairball Awareness Day

April 29 | National Pet Parents Day

## Want to give back to your community?

FOMAS is always in need of dedicated volunteers and donations to help with the cause. Check out the links below to connect with us. Your support will go a long way in finding furever homes for animals just like Ham Shamwitch and Cookie!

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