



Friends of Metro Animal Services December 3, 2025 Newsletter



My First Year: A Reflection from Andrew McClinton

As 2025 draws to a close, we asked Andy to reflect upon completing his first year at the helm of Metro Animal Services (MAS) as its Director. Andy shared the following insights:

"My first year working at MAS has been both humbling and transformative, especially stepping into the role with no prior experience in this field. I learned that caring for vulnerable animals requires not only compassion, but patience, organization, and resilience.

I am blessed to have an unbelievable staff, who are extremely dedicated to their mission. They deeply care about every animal in our care, and they go above and beyond daily to make sure all our animals' needs are met. It's been very rewarding seeing the positive impact they have on these animals and our community.

The support we receive from FOMAS, the community, rescue groups, and all our volunteers has been unbelievable. Everyone steps up every day to make sure our animals have what they need, and everyone is focused on finding forever homes for all our adoptable pets. I look forward to continuing this journey and doing whatever I can to assist all of the wonderful people who make MAS so special."



A Year of New Beginnings: 2025 Year-End Appeal

As the last of the Autumn leaves fall, we would like to send out our warmest wishes for your holiday season. We have enjoyed a wonderful year connecting with community members and fundraising to support Metro Animal Services (MAS). It has been a year of laughter, tears, and triumphs.

We continue to be astonished by the sheer force of the community rallying behind the animals in MAS' care. A record number of animals entered the shelter this year but thanks to committed and generous donors like yourself, FOMAS was able to fund programs that helped numerous animals find their furever homes. Those animals now get to enjoy the holiday season with their new families. Feeling the love and support from our community has been so heartwarming, and we are filled with gratitude as we wrap up this year.

Remember to check your mailbox on December 5th for the Year-End Appeal letter from our Executive Director, David Payne. By donating to FOMAS during our Year-End Appeal, you can help an animal find its new beginning.



Stay Up-to-Date: 2026 Pets of MAS Calendars

Do you have trouble keeping track of appointments? Do you often forget which day of the week it is? Worry no more. We have the perfect product for you!

The 2026 Pets of MAS Calendar is available for purchase. The calendar features an entire page for notes and emergency contacts, which you can customize for your pet. It also has special animal-themed days like National Dog Day marked in the calendar. You can pick one up at the Animal House Adoption Center at 3516 Newburg Rd, Louisville, KY 40218. Calendars are only \$20.00. Plus, they make the perfect gift for your forgetful friends or the animal lovers in your life. Help support FOMAS and MAS by purchasing your calendar today!



The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

**Barkchelor #1: Motion City
Soundtrack**

Motion City Soundtrack (A788191) is sure to have the playlist to your heart this season. MCS is a 3 year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier mix. He's a happy silly boy, so we asked his wingman at MAS why he's the dog for you:

"Motion City is the playgroup superstar! He is super friendly and loves a good playtime. He is an excellent ball chaser, not so much a bring-back-er. He's been at MAS since the beginning of October, so his adoption fee is covered, and he comes with a Champions Program package when you adopt him."



His perfect match can match his energy. He is the life of the party and would love friends to spend time with. If you want to love this happy boy, find out more about him [HERE!](#)

Catchelorette #1 : Tortitude

Tortitude (A784029) has had a rough start to her holiday season. She is a 10-year-old tortie and muted Domestic Shorthair. We asked her wingwoman what she needs in a furever home this holiday season:

"Tortitude needs a kind, patient family to restore her holiday spirit. Tortitude is a gorgeous candidate for the working cat lifestyle: barns, workshops, warehouses, or any home where humans respect her boundaries. She'll stare into your soul, so we hope you're merry and bright. Spice up your holidays with this cute gal. There won't be any squirrels in your pine tree this year with her around!"



If you want to welcome Tortie into your home or barn, read more about her [HERE!](#) She's another Champion, so her adoption fees are covered!

Upcoming Events

December 6 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Adoption Event at Macy's Oxmoor
7900 Shelbyville Rd, Ste B, Louisville, KY 40222

December 18 @ 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM |
Dinner Pawty at BJ's Brewhouse
7900 Shelbyville Rd, Ste B, Louisville, KY 40222



Mark Your Calendar

November 30 - December 6 | National Pet Suffocation Awareness Week

December 2 | National Mutt Day

December 2 | #GivingTuesday, National Day of Giving

December 15 | National Cat Herder's Day

December 26 | National Thank You Note 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 Motion City Soundtrack and Tortitude!

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