2025 Report to the Community







Message from Our Leadership

Metro Animal Services (MAS) had a record-breaking year in 2025 taking in almost 10,000 dogs and cats. Sadly, this is not the record that one wants to break. In light of MAS' needs during this time of crisis, FOMAS' financial support of MAS exceeded our donations and income for the financial year. As a result, FOMAS finished 2025 with a financial loss despite our incredible fundraising successes. We saw donors and community partners donating at record levels this year, and 100% of our Board of Directors made financial donations. However, the needs of MAS far exceeded those generous contributions. While overcrowding at MAS, and shelters around the nation, continues, we are moved by the continued support and dedication of our community to support our mission. Thank you to everyone who donated this year, as well as those who volunteered, fostered and adopted through MAS. You make a difference! As we walk together into 2026, we are committed to continuing to make a positive impact on the lives of shelter animals and community members in need, all across this beautiful city.

David W. Payne, *Executive Director* Stephanie A. Gumm, *Chairman*

FRIENDS OF METRO ANIMAL SERVICES Louisville

Mission and Values

Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and is the sole fundraising entity for Metro Animal Services (MAS) in Louisville, Kentucky. FOMAS works hard to provide additional dollars for MAS, which makes it possible for the shelter to offer services that exceed what MAS' government budget allows. FOMAS is dedicated to improving the lives of stray, abandoned, and lost animals in the Louisville community and believes that animals, and the people who love them, deserve access to the resources needed to keep their animals safe, healthy, and at home.

Highlights

While MAS took in nearly 10,000 animals in 2025, the following highlights a few of the projects FOMAS funded over the year to address this predicament:



FOMAS covered over **$105,500** in redemption fees this past year to allow owners to reclaim their pets without the burden of additional costs.



FOMAS funded microchip clinics through MAS that have resulted in **225 pets** receiving free microchips.



Pay It Forward covered adoption fees in excess of **$76,400** in 2025 for cats older than 6 months, large breed dogs weighing 40 pounds or more, and senior shelter pets.



100% of the Board of Directors of FOMAS donated financially to the organization in 2025.



FOMAS partnered with River City Races to hold the Pupkin Spice 5K in October, which raised awareness and over **$2,000**.



FOMAS approved a **$60,000** Medical Voucher Program for 2024/2025, with a goal to help individuals in the community who need extra support in getting their animals much-needed care.



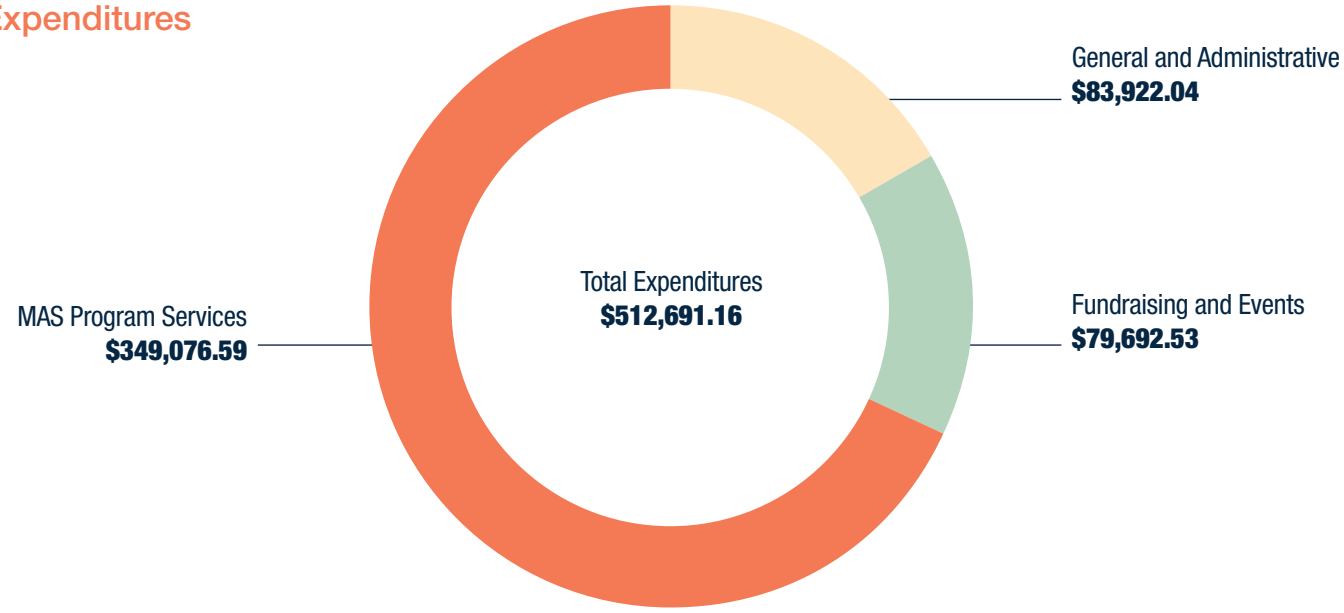
FOMAS purchased an additional sunshade for an outdoor play yard for dogs to have a cool place to play and escape the heat during the Summer.



FOMAS, during a WHAS11 telethon, raised over **$31,000** to turn an old salt dome into a dedicated dog enrichment area for training and play during inclement weather.

Financial Summary

Expenditures



Source of Support

Direct Public Support	
Individual Contributions	$196,690.90
Organization Contributions	$83,176.00
Pay It Forward	$33,954.14
Board Contributions	$10,316.00
Grants	$60,535.00
Investment Income	$49,933.61
Total Income	$434,596.65
Total Expenditures	$512,691.16
Net Loss	($78,094.51)
Total Ending Net Assets	$1,585,268.11

Metro Animal Services Programs
funded by FOMAS

Pay It Forward Program	$76,456.42
Return to Owner Program	$105,521.34
Medical Voucher Program	$8,008.15
VIP Long Stay Champion Program	$2,943.00
Medical Supplies/Services	$16,058.89
Enrichment Items for Animals	$5,363.05
Staff Support Items	$13,248.46
Additional Payments to MAS	$121,477.28







Board of Directors

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