



Friends of Metro Animal Services February 4, 2026 Newsletter



Celebrating Doc C: The Retirement of a Hometown Hero

The Doctor is out! Dr. Carolyn Congleton, or "Doc C," as many know her, has provided passionate and thoughtful veterinary care at Metro Animal Services (MAS) for 20 years and is excited for her well-deserved retirement. In 2006, Doc C was hired as MAS' first full-time staff veterinarian. She previously worked as a veterinarian for the Lexington Humane Society. Over the years, Doc C has led the MAS veterinary team through thick and thin, and she is so proud of them for becoming the well-oiled machine that they are today. She has done it all, from microchip and rabies clinics to life-saving surgeries. On top of that, she has served as a mentor to her team, training them in expert techniques and treatments.



Doc C's enduring love for lost and abandoned animals has made her a local legend and an all-star to many pet owners in Louisville. She has been a beacon of hope for animals under MAS' care that have gone through difficult times. FOMAS had the honor of helping to celebrate this outstanding woman at her retirement party on January 20th. Words and

awards cannot express the impact she has had at MAS and the countless number of animals that she has helped over the years. Each and every life she has touched has been forever changed for the better. We wish Doc C a joyous and relaxing retirement as she embarks on a new chapter of her life. Thank you, Doc C! You are a true hometown hero and are paws-itively terrific.

Fostering a Better Future: Lilah's First Month

In December, Lilah started her new position as the Foster Coordinator at Metro Animal Services (MAS). Lilah, a Louisville native, began her journey with MAS in February of 2024 when she became a neonate kitten foster and then officially joined the Adoptions team. Lilah is a passionate advocate for the most vulnerable animals in our community, and she brings that energy to her new position. We asked Lilah why the Foster Program at MAS is so important and she shared the following:

"La Chat is the perfect example of how impactful our Foster Program is. When she first came to the shelter in November, she was completely shut down and quickly ended up on the urgent list. She was overwhelmed, scared, and struggling in the shelter environment. A volunteer shared a plea for La Chat, and a foster quickly stepped up to take her home.



Once in foster, everything changed, and La Chat started playing, cuddling, and showing her personality. A short break from the shelter gave her the chance to decompress and reset, and it completely changed how she presented herself. After an adoption return, La Chat unfortunately came back to the shelter, but this time, she was a different dog. After being fostered, La Chat was better able to handle the shelter environment and connect with potential adopters. La Chat was adopted a few weeks ago!"

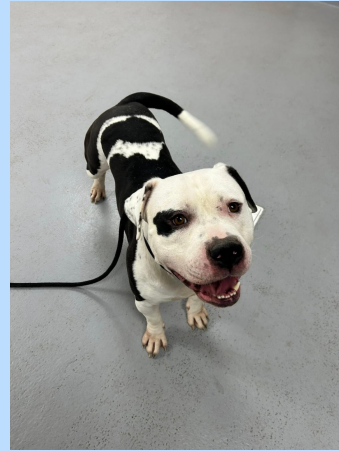
MAS' foster program is an essential tool that creates much-needed space in the shelter, as well as provides a safe environment for animals in need. We are excited to see how MAS' foster program will continue to grow and flourish with Lilah as the Foster Coordinator.



Sweet Hearts & New Starts: A New Year for Finding Furever Homes

In partnership with Metro Animal Services (MAS), we have been gearing up for another year of fun events, furry friends, and filling hearts. We'd love to invite you to the first adoption event of the year at Oxmoor Mall to be held on February 5th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. MAS will be bringing their most eligible barkchelors and barkchelolettes! Thanks to your generosity, every adoption fee for the dogs in attendance will be covered by FOMAS. We expect the air to be filled with love and happy beginnings for these pups. Will you come find your fur-ever Valentine who will be mutts about you?

Do cats make your heart purr? If you are a cat lover, stop by Animal House to meet some eligible cat-chelors and cat-chelolettes! They are located at 3516 Newburg Rd, Louisville, KY 40218, and are open Monday-Saturday from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Cats over 6 months old have their adoption fees covered by FOMAS. Please come out to visit them and offer some much-needed attention and love.



The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Red Team Go!

Is red your favorite color? It is the color of love and Red Team Go (A790310), a pretty popular 56 lbs playtime hero at MAS. He is a beautiful 1-year-old boy looking for his Valentine. Here's what his wingwomen at MAS had to say about him:



"Red Team Go! is an absolute gem to go on adventures with. He's easy to leash and is ready to become the star of any play group he joins. He hopped in the car for a field trip, and he was so friendly with his field trip buddy! He'll tug a little when he's in 'play mode,' but he's overall easy on the leash. He would love to meet a cool group of dogs to show off his fetch skills!"

His perfect match would be someone who likes playtime and adventures as much as he does. Check him out [HERE](#). We bet he will get the zoomies, if he becomes your roomie. His adoption fees are covered by FOMAS through the Champions VIP Program, which also includes a special care package.

Barkchelor #2 : Grimace Scale

You may think this cat has resting scritch face, but it's only because she's in dire need of some love and attention. Grimace Scale (A791699) is an adorable brown tabby waiting for someone to give her a chance. Will you paw-lease be her Valentine? MAS believes she's a 3-year-old barn cat, and she's ready to become a part of the right family. We asked her wingman what she brings to the table:

"Grimace Scale has the widest eyes to ask you for just a little morsel of treats. She's a working cat, so she'll make sure no pests will kill the vibes. She is a groovy lady who's

been waiting for someone like you to come along. Everyone deserves some love after their 9 to 5. She is relatively small at just 7.6 lbs, but she has a big personality. She may meow and let you know exactly what's on her mind. Spoiler Alert: it's usually food or attention!"

Romeo had Juliet and this Valentine's Day you can have Grimace Scale, check her availability [HERE](#) to get more information! She's also part of the Champions VIP Program, which means FOMAS covers her adoption fees and supplies her new family with some essentials when you adopt her.



Upcoming Events

February 5 @ 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM |
Adoption Event at Oxmoor Mall
7900 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

February 12 @ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
Pet Resource Day at the University of Louisville (Student Event)
Red Barn, 2011 S Brook St, Louisville, KY 40208

February 12 @ 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Dinner Pawty at Blaze Pizza - St. Matthews
4848 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

February 15 @ 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM |
Rabies & Microchip Clinic
Details Coming Soon!



Mark Your Calendar

February 1 | National Serpent Day

February 17 | National Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 20 | National Love Your Pet Day

February 3 | National Dog Biscuit 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 Red Team Go and Grimace Scale!

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