



Friends of Metro Animal Services July 1, 2026 Newsletter

A Star-Spangled Celebration

On June 13th, we had an incredibly fun and energetic Drag Me to the Pawty. For the third year in a row, we partnered with PLAY Louisville and Drag Daddy Productions to bring a Drag Dog Showcase to Louisville. Thanks to the love and support of the community, FOMAS raised almost \$1900 at the soirée. FOMAS is so grateful to the individual performers and all of those in attendance who wanted to Raise the Woof to support FOMAS and the animals under the care of Metro Animal Services.

A special thank you is due to PLAY Louisville and Drag Daddy Productions, without whom the event would not be possible. Each year, we advocate for change, for love, and for second chances. These are the same values highlighted at this Pawty: wanting a better future for everyone.



Red, White, and a Whole Lot of Gratitude

We LOVE it when Metro Animal Services (MAS) is able to bring dogs to YOU! On June 27th, FOMAS joined MAS to host a Meet Me at the Mall pop-up adoption event, and we kicked off summer right. Thanks to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and fosters at MAS, we brought 15 dogs to hang out at Oxmoor Mall. Of those dogs, 6 went home with their new families. The Mall Adoption Events are essential for the shelter because they showcase dogs outside of their kennels. Being in a kennel can be stressful, and that stress shows for some animals. Having an opportunity to visit the Mall helps the dogs tremendously. Not only do they get to stretch their legs; they also get to interact with other dogs, people, and real-world situations. This experience offers them an open, welcoming space to decompress and show off their best selves to potentially meet their furever family.



We had 6 deserving dogs find their furever homes in just 4 hours! Now these pups will be spending their 4th of July pursuing life, liberty, and the perfect belly rub. Come check out the next adoption events on July 18th and July 28th (more information below).

Volunteer Highlight: Ali German A True Sparkler

Meet Ali German, a volunteer who has made a big impact in just a few short months. Ali joined the Volunteer team in April as a birthday gift to herself. After attending an adoption event and finding out about the Field Trip program, she knew it was her calling. While the shelter only requires Field Trips to last an hour, Ali cherishes every moment she gets to go on adventures with a shelter animal, and sometimes, she even keeps them for a sleepover. Studies have shown that dogs who have gone on field trips were 5x more likely to be adopted, and dogs who had a sleepover were 14x more likely. Participating in the Field Trip program can have tangible benefits for shelter dogs, and just like Ali, you can make a real difference as well.



But Ali took her passion even one step further and started collecting and tracking data, with the shelter's permission, on the shelter dogs and their outings. Ali now has a website that the shelter uses to organize information about Weekly Trip Trends, Peak Hours, a Monthly Goal Tracker, and a "Who Needs a Trip" section. To date, 268 dogs and over 300 filed trips have been logged, with 137 of those dogs being adopted. Her newest addition is the Photo Upload & Sorting feature. This allows Field Trippers to upload their photos to be sorted by community members based on quality and content! Ali has found joy in both the Field Trips and Potty Breaks programs, and perhaps you can too? Thank you, Ali, for taking the initiative to help empty the kennels!

Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelolette #1: Kirby's Dreamland

Kirby's Dreamland (#A793906) is a big sweetheart with a lot of love to offer. Kirby is a fun lady who's always ready to pawty with her tuxedo coat. Her foster mom shared how she's been at home:

"Kirby always greets people with those perky ears and a warm smile. This girl is not afraid of the spotlight. No matter the time of day, she pancakes to let others know she's low on attention. If you don't come to her, don't worry. She'll army crawl to you! She's the master of fetch and could be part gazelle. She loves going on adventures, but she feels more comfortable with a harness on. She loves playmates, but she's got more energy to burn than some of her friends. She loves all humans, including kids! She'll greet anyone with a quick hop and a handshake. At the end of the day, she's a Class A snorer and oversized lapdog."



Does your house need a big lovebug with an outgoing personality? Check Kirby's Dreamland out [HERE](#). She's currently living with her foster family, but she's always ready to make new friends.

Barkchelorette #2: Lavender Cold Foam

Lavender Cold Foam (#A795184) is the perfect topping for your Summer adventures. Lavender is a happy girl who's managed to overcome the stress of being in a kennel when she gets her daily dose of adventure. Lavender is currently available at Animal House Adoption Center. We asked her volunteer friends what they've noticed about her:

"I learned that Lavender Cold Foam is a delightful coffee drink and a delightful girl dog that will warm you up with snuggles. She loves stopping to smell the flowers. She's a little queasy in the car, so make sure she feels secure to go. She's grown to love car rides as she's gotten to go on Field Trips more. She could be part of the Louisville Squirrel Patrol, because she's ready to approach one on sight. She, however, is much too slow to introduce herself. At the end of the day, she's just a lover girl. She will cuddle up with you and even offer a little smooch if you're interested."

Are you ready for a sweet, spunky gal to join your squad? Check Lavender out [HERE](#). She's been waiting for the right person to come along.



Upcoming Events

July 10 @ 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Dinner Pawty - Chipotle
420 S Hurstbourne Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40222
PROMO Code: R7TPYE6

July 18 @ 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM |
Adoption Event at Southwest Government Center
7219 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, KY 40258

July 28 @ 12:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Meet Me at the Mall Adoption Event
5000 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

July 30 @ All Day |
Dinner Pawty for National Mutt Day (next day)
Red Robin, 5000 Shelbyville Rd, #1627, Louisville, KY 40207

Mark Your Calendar

July 4 | Independence Day



July 10 | National Kitten Day

July 11 | All-American Pet Photo Day

July 11 | National Cheer Up the Lonely Day

July 15 | National Pet Fire Safety Day

July 16 | World Snake Day

July 22 | National Rat Catcher's Day

July 28 | World Conservation Day

July 31 | National Mutt Day

3rd Sunday | National Zoo Keeper's Week (Starts July 19)

4th Week | National Moth Week (Starts July 25)

July | National Disability Pride Month

July | National Picnic Month

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 Kirby's Dreamland and Lavender Cold Foam!

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