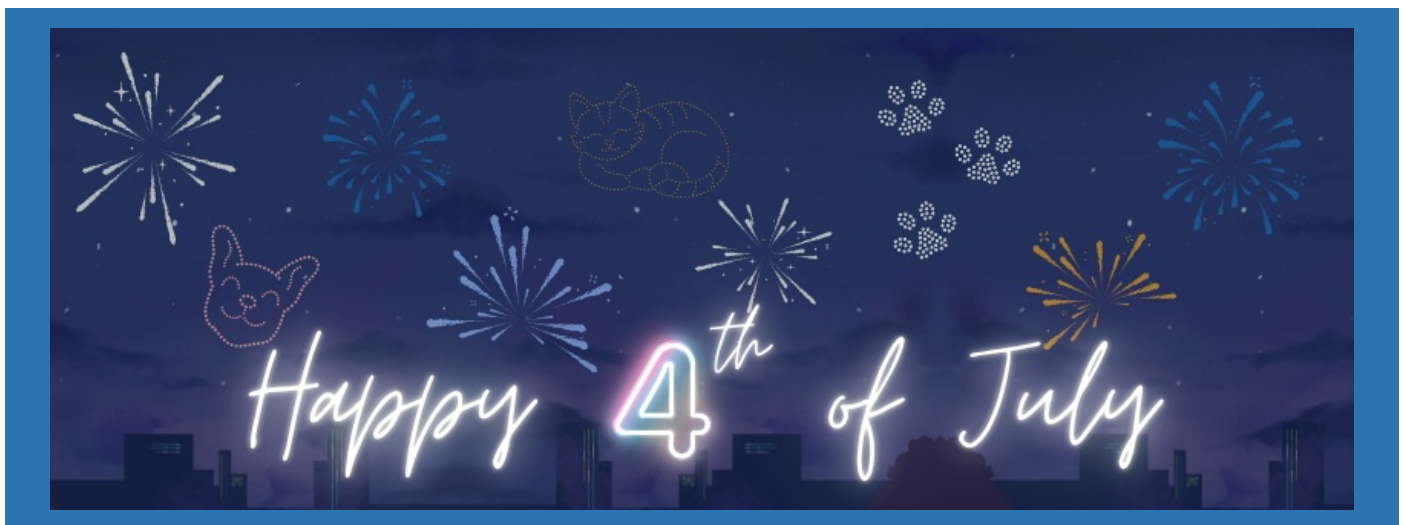




Friends of Metro Animal Services July 2nd, 2025 Newsletter



The FOMAS Impact: One Year in as Executive Director

Dear Supporters,

As I reflect on my first year as Executive Director of Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS), I am proud of the meaningful strides we've made in supporting the animals and people who rely on Metro Animal Services (MAS). This role has been

both humbling and energizing, as I've witnessed firsthand the generosity of our community and the dedication of our partners. Together, we've worked to ensure that compassion, not cost, has been at the forefront of our work.

Among our most impactful achievements was providing over \$85,000 in redemption fees, allowing pet owners to reclaim their animals without financial hardship. We also approved \$25,000 in funding for the development of a new play yard at MAS, which will enrich the lives of shelter animals by giving them space to exercise, socialize, and simply be dogs. Additionally, our commitment to community wellness led us to approve a \$60,000 Medical Voucher Program, which has helped pet owners access critical veterinary care.



We've also prioritized the tools and resources MAS needs to operate effectively. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised nearly \$15,000 to purchase surgical packs, an incubator, and an autoclave. These accomplishments are a testament to what we can achieve when we come together around a shared mission. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I've received in this first year and look forward to continuing to grow FOMAS' impact in the years to come.

Kind regards,

David W. Payne
FOMAS Executive Director

Tap In for the Pure Tap 5K

Run for a Cause with Paws! We are excited to announce that Friends of Metro Animal Services will be the benefactor of the Pure Tap 5K again this year. We are partnering with the Louisville Water Company and the Louisville Sports Commission to bring this event to you. Race Day is fast approaching on August 23, 2025, so don't delay. Registration is now open for both you and your dog. The registration fee for dogs is only \$10 per pet, with 100% of the proceeds going to support FOMAS community programs. Plus, participating dogs will receive a special Pure Tap 5k bandana.

The Louisville Water Company has been providing fresh drinking water since 1860, and the Louisville Sports Commission is known for Louisville Active, a campaign that aims to remove barriers that prevent youth in marginalized neighborhoods from being active and/or participating in recreational-level sports. FOMAS is thrilled to be collaborating with these community partners once again to bring such a fun event to the area.

Thanks to the support of the community, we raised \$1,130 last year. So with race day fast approaching, we hope you can help us reach this year's goal of \$1,500!

Register Here: puretap5k.com

Hot Dog, Hot Dog, Hot Diggity Dog

Shooooowee, it's hot! Summer is the season for cookouts, fireworks, and good times with friends. This is a friendly reminder to remember your pets this 4th of July.

When the temperature rises, be sure to keep yourself and your pets cool. Hydration plays a huge part in day-to-day life, especially during the summer. If your pet is spending time outdoors, provide them with a shaded area with fresh water. Watch for signs of overheating and heat stroke, such as rapid breathing, heavy panting, excessive drooling, weakness, drowsiness, vomiting, diarrhea, or abnormally colored, dry, or sticky gums. At the end of the day, you know your pet best, so be on the lookout for anything unusual and seek medical attention if necessary.



The 4th of July is one of the biggest holidays of the summer, but it can be stressful for pets. Your home is your pet's safe space, and it's usually better if they are away from the action. Pets have better hearing than humans, so crowds, fireworks, and other loud noises can be overwhelming. Making sure your pets have a comfortable, stress-free space to spend the evening is a good idea. Regardless of their location, be sure to keep their collar with identifying tags on them throughout the holiday season in the event they happen to get lost or spooked by the celebration. Even if you didn't set off fireworks, it's important to check your yard for any fireworks debris that may have landed there.

We hope you have an awesome 4th of July by enjoying the sunshine without the worry. Stay safe and cool!

The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight



Catchelorette #1: Debbie

Call her Debbie aka Little Debbie (A775617), because she is oh so sweet. Little Debbie is so sweet that she has some issues regulating her glucose. We spoke to a member of the MAS team about what makes Little Debbie such a great choice.

"This beautiful, six-year-old calico was rescued by MAS and Alley Cat Advocates. She came in as a sickly community cat, and we were not sure if she was going to make it. After months of treatment and recovery time, we are all proud to say that she is in good health, and she's ready to find her people! Little Debbie takes a new medication called Senvelgo, which is an oral medication. No insulin shots needed for this gal. She currently eats a prescription diabetic diet, but continuing that or switching up her food would be between you and your vet."

Her perfect match would be someone who loves cuddling and enjoys a relaxed life. Little Debbie is the perfect cat to keep you company. If you're interested in meeting here, read more [HERE!](#)

Catchelorette #2: Barbara

Don't be fooled by her name, Barbara Baddie (A772015) is as good as they come. She's so good, that her caretaker

had this to say:

"Barbara is an old soul who loves to be with her people. She happily greets guests and children when they give her pets and scratches. She is vaccinated, spayed, and healthy except for her hyperthyroidism. She just needs a simple daily treatment. She prefers her food to have a nice crunch. Her foster family says she is a wonderful napping buddy."



Barbara's perfect match would be someone with no other pets and a comfy lifestyle. At 10 years old, she's ready to settle down and find her furever home. If you think she's the cat for you, visit [HERE](#) to get more information!

Upcoming Events

July 10 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Luau Adoption Event at Mall St. Matthews

July 15 @ 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM |
Dinner Pawty Day at Red Robin,
5000 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

July 31 @ 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
Dinner Pawty at Qdoba,
970 Breckenridge Ln, Louisville, KY 40207



Mark Your Calendar

July 31 | National Mutt 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 Debbie and Barbara!

Volunteer SignUp!

Donate Today!

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