



Friends of Metro Animal Services March 4, 2026 Newsletter

A New Chapter Begins: The FOMAS Board Elects New Officers

The Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) Board is comprised of volunteers who are passionate about and deeply grounded in our mission and this community. In addition to serving as Directors, four of our Board Members also serve as Officers for FOMAS. Each Officer commits to a three-year term, and 2026 marks the end of the existing term for our current Officers. We are grateful for the exceptional leadership and dedication that our outgoing Officers have provided over the past three years. At the recent FOMAS Annual Meeting in February, the Board unanimously voted to elect the proposed slate of Officers for our next three-year term, which term will end in February of 2029. We are excited to welcome our new slate of Officers into their roles, confident that their vision and expertise will guide FOMAS into our next chapter of success. These changes to our leadership reflect the organization's ongoing commitment to strong governance and strategic growth. We cannot wait to see what 2026 will bring for FOMAS.

Outgoing Officers

Chairperson: Stephanie Gumm
Vice-Chairperson: Beth Hobson
Secretary: Julie Ware
Treasurer: Tyler Moore

Newly Elected Officers

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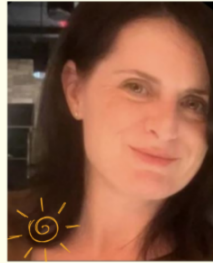
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Chairperson



Tyler Moore
Vice-Chairperson



Julie Ware
Secretary



Chris Hawkins
Treasurer

A New Era of Service: FOMAS Welcomes Lisa & Deena to the Board of Directors!

In addition to electing new Officers at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to add two new Board Members - Lisa Columbia and Deena Kinkade Adams. We, at FOMAS, remain focused on our mission to enhance animal welfare by securing resources that allow Metro Animal Services (MAS) to provide services beyond what the government budget covers to help Louisville's lost and abandoned pets. We are pleased to announce that Lisa and Deena are bringing their expertise and compassion to support that mission.

Lisa Columbia

Lisa Columbia, the President and General Manager of WHAS11, has been proudly leading one of the region's most respected broadcast affiliates for the past five years, and we are honored that she is bringing her skillset to help serve FOMAS and our mission. Animal advocacy has been one of Lisa's lifelong passions and she believes that every animal deserves a safe, loving home — regardless of their age, breed, background, or where their journey began.

Lisa is the mother of three wonderful senior dogs - Pepper, Iggy, and Peterman the pug. She believes in adopting over shopping, and two of her dogs were adopted from our very own MAS. Having these three older pets has strengthened her understanding of the importance of compassion and care throughout an animal's life. Lisa truly appreciates the commitment, dedication, and love senior animals deserve, so we look forward to seeing the impact that her perspective will bring to the FOMAS Board.



Deena Kinkade Adams

Deena Kinkade Adams is a powerhouse in the nonprofit world. Deena previously served as the Executive Director of the American Lung Association in Kentucky for 12 years, where she oversaw the Fight for Air Climb in Kentucky. As a former elementary school teacher, Deena believes compassion, education, and community connection are the foundation for improving animal welfare in the city. Throughout Deena's career, she has been dedicated to service, leadership, and strengthening communities through education and nonprofit work.

Deena and her husband, Ty, reside in Louisville and share their home with their three rescue Cavalier King Charles Spaniels—Clementine, Claire, and Cleo. They also enjoy dog-sitting their “granddog,” Otis, a rescue Chihuahua. In her free time, Deena enjoys travel, antiquing, reading, skiing, gardening, and, of course, spending time with her furry kiddos. As a passionate animal advocate, Deena looks forward to utilizing her experience to be a productive and supportive FOMAS Board Member.



The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Quest Outdoors

If you're looking for a great adventure buddy and perfect hiking companion, Quest Outdoors (A784770) is your guy. Quest Outdoors is a sweet black and white oreo-nosed boy that is about 2 and a half years old. Here's what his wingman at MAS had to say about him:

"On top of being handsome, Quest is a very smart and polite guy. He has maintained an accident-free workplace since moving in with his foster family. He leads daily operations (sit & shake) flawlessly. When he's not enjoying the great outdoors, he's a major cuddlebug, so get ready for the cuteness infestation. He is always ready to make his treat quota, but he believes in earning his treats rather than sneaking some off your plate. He'll be sure to clean up any crumbs on the floor, though!"

His perfect match would be a family or individual who likes fresh air and good cuddles. Check him out [HERE](#), if you're looking for a new bestie. His adoption fees are covered by the Champions program, and he has a starter pack to help him get settled in with his new family.



Barkchelor #2 : Jellycat

All Jelly Cats are fun to find, but this Jellycat is one of a kind! Jellycat (A793172) is a sweet pup you should add to your collection this year! He's about six years old and around sixty lbs. We asked his wingwoman why he would be great with you:

"Jellycat is a curious guy who likes to explore the great outdoors. He doesn't pass up some good attention, but he doesn't thrive off of it either. He walks well on the leash once he's feeling more confident and secure. He loves sniffing and investigating the area for clues. He's always relaxed when he's on the case."

Jellycat has been waiting patiently, looking for someone like you! Check him out [HERE](#) to get more information! Jellycat is part of the Pay It Forward program, so adoption fees are covered by FOMAS, but then you can pay it forward too.



Mark Your Calendar

March 1 | National Horse Protection Day

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March 1-7 | National Professional Pet Sitters Week

March 20-26 | National Animal Poison Prevention Week

March 23 | National Puppy Day

March 30 | National Take a Walk in a Park 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 Quest Outdoors and Jellycat!

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