



Friends of Metro Animal Services May 6, 2026 Newsletter

Animal Control Appreciation Week: ACOs Have Got It Under Control

In April, we celebrated the Animal Control Officers (ACOs) for ACO Appreciation Week. It's not every day that we get to see the ACOs in their element. Most of their job is performed out in the Jefferson County community responding to calls and reports. For many years, ACOs were known as the "dog catchers," but that term is misleading and outdated. Locating and capturing stray dogs is only a part of their important work. ACOs reunite lost pets with owners, investigate animal cruelty/neglect, and serve as animal experts



helping to educate the public about safe and responsible pet ownership practices.

Above all, ACOs are staunch advocates for pets in our community - some of the most vulnerable, voiceless members of our community. Thank you so much to the Animal Control team at MAS! They are truly courageous leaders in the animal welfare community. If you see an ACO out on the streets, please be sure to help us continue to celebrate their tireless work by sharing a Thank You.

Lucky Matches and New Beginnings

We had a wonderful time at the April Meet Me at the Mall Adoption Event! Shoppers were racing to the Adoption Room at The Mall St. Matthews during Metro Animal Services' (MAS) second adoption event of the year. The room was packed with people eager to meet the barkchelors and barkchelolettes available for adoption. A total of 12 lucky dogs found their furever homes.

We're keeping up this momentum and heading straight to the "Hammer's Lou Adopts!" event at the Kentucky Expo Center on May 9th from noon to 4:00 pm. It is the biggest dog adoption event of the year in Louisville, which brings together many local animal shelters and rescues, including MAS. Additionally, on May 23rd, MAS will host another adoption event at Macy's (see below for more details). May is the perfect month to find the newest addition to your family. Be sure to come visit us!



Fresh Spring Breeze & New Beginnings

With Spring in full bloom, we wanted to reflect on the fresh starts that we got to witness last year. In 2025, Metro Animal Services (MAS) took in approximately 10,000 lost or abandoned pets. Despite the high intake numbers, MAS reunited 1,494 pets to their owners; 1,275 pets were sent to rescues; and over 4,000 pets found their way to blossoming new families. All of this was possible thanks to *friends* like you, and FOMAS would be incredibly grateful for your continued support this year.

Please be sure to check your mailbox around May 8th for our 2026 Spring Appeal. Last month's Newsletter shared the story of Blanche, a golden girl at MAS. Blanche's story could have been one of heartbreak, but the community rallied together to deliver life-saving



treatment and care for Blanche. You will learn more about Blanche and her happy ending in the Appeal. We invite you to join us once again in making a lasting difference in 2026.

Spring is Here, Bring Some Cheer!

Embrace Spring by sending some flowers to someone special. Maybe they deserve it, or maybe they just need it. Flowers are perfect for any occasion, including Mother's Day (which is right around the corner). We are excited to announce a new partnership with Nanz & Kraft Florists. When you purchase flowers, you can select Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) as the **Charitable Contributions** partner for the order, and FOMAS will receive a \$2.00 donation for every internet order placed. Every celebration can support local animals in need. Visit <https://www.nanzandkraft.com/> to send some flowers to a special person today!



The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Oberst

If you're looking for a friend to hit snooze with you all morning, Oberst (#A793212) is your guy! Oberst is a bit shy at first, but is always up for a treat. Here's what his wingwoman at MAS had to say about him:

"They say the quietest ones have the biggest hearts. When Oberst was brought to the shelter, he was shy and fearful of people. After some time with a foster family, he started opening up and showing his true colors. He's tried his luck in a place or two, but he's still looking for a place to call home. His shyness and anxiety have developed into a loving dog who is ready to give cuddles and wiggles to the right family. His foster fam has introduced him to a lot of things - car rides, bath time, and the infamous blow dryer. He loves a good spa day and is looking for a family to call his own!"



His perfect match would be someone who is looking for a dog that is a bit shy, but has all the love to give once you get to know him (or offer him a treat). Oberst has been waiting on his furever home for over 45 days, so he comes with a complimentary care package through FOMAS' Champions Program. Check him out [HERE](#). He's a dog with a big heart looking for someone who just gets him.

Barkchelor #2 : Scooby

You don't need the Mystery Machine to find the perfect pet. Scooby(#A781655) is a young adult male dog that has adorable spots just like his cartoon counterpart. We asked his wingman what mysteries they've been solving together:

"Scooby is a silly goofy guy, just like Doo. He's the biggest baby and will THROW himself on you for some quality belly rubs. Scooby's always trying to find the best cuddle spots. He's great at playing catch and always catches the bad guys. He's even ready for underwater mysteries and loves a good swim."



It's no mystery who you should adopt next, read about Scooby [HERE](#). This mystery-solving pup has his adoption fee covered by FOMAS' Champions Program, and he's ready for his next adventure!

Upcoming Events

May 9 @ 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM |
Hammer's Lou Adopts! at KY Expo Center Pavilion
KY Exposition Center, Pavilion, Louisville, KY 40209

May 20 @ 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
National Rescue Dog Day Dinner Pawty Fundraiser
Raising Cane's, 10490 Westport Rd, Louisville, KY 40241

May 23 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Macy's Adoption Event
7900 Shelbyville Rd, Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222

May 23 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM |
Kendra Scott Gives Back Event
Mention Friends of Metro Animal Services at the register during this time and 20% of your purchase will be donated to FOMAS to support #YourCityShelter
7900 Shelbyville Rd b-10, Louisville, KY 40222

May 29 @ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Volunteer & Foster Appreciation Party
Details on the Facebook Event page in the "LMAS Staff, Volunteers, and Fosters" Facebook Group.

Mark Your Calendar

May 3-9 | National Pet Week

May 9 | National Dog Mom's 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 Oberst and Scooby!

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