



Friends of Metro Animal Services May 7th, 2025 Newsletter

Blossoming Friendships: Planting Seeds of Change

Spring is a time for growth and new beginnings. A time that we can be grateful for the changing of the seasons, as the flowers grow, and the sun stays out longer. Here at FOMAS, we are grateful to our donors and volunteers, as well as the devoted volunteers, staff, and fosters at Metro Animal Services (MAS). Each of these groups provides support that can help set the lives of Louisville's homeless pets on a new path. A path that goes from the cold winter streets to a warm spring home.

There are plenty of ways to make a difference at MAS, like: fostering, dog walking, preparing enrichment treats, cleaning kennels, grooming and much more. The list goes on and on. Where there is a need at MAS, you can find a way to volunteer to make a difference. You can also give to FOMAS during our Spring Appeal. Keep an eye out for the Appeal in the coming days!



We believe every pet deserves a second chance, and you can be the difference maker for an animal in need.

Dog Days at the Mall!

April showers bring May flowers and lots of adoptions. For the April MAS Mall Adoption event, 12 deserving dogs found their furever homes at Mall St. Matthews. FOMAS sponsored this event and covered the fees for all pets adopted at the Mall.

These adoption events feature several adoptable dogs and are an opportunity for potential adopters to meet community dogs where there are, rather than coming to the MAS facility off of Newburg Road. These events are becoming a community staple, with many people returning to see if this event is the time they find the right addition to their family. They are also great opportunities for dogs to socialize and shine outside of the shelter, while also meeting a potential adopter.



On May 10th, MAS will be in attendance at Darryl Issacs' Lou Adopts Event, taking place at the Kentucky Expo Center. Additionally, stay tuned to our social media channels to learn more about upcoming adoption events throughout the year!

The Dogtor's Orders: National Pet Week and Encouraging Pet Health

After the Running of the Roses, May is about celebrating National Pet Week (May 4-10), which was started by The American Veterinary Medical Association. As part of National Pet Week, we want to talk about pet behavioral health.

Whether it's a new puppy/kitten or an adult



dog/cat joining your family, there's always an adjustment period. During this time, pets may "act out" or display unwanted behaviors such as biting, scratching, or digging. While these can be seen as behavioral issues, this may be the first time these animals are in a home, having only known kennels or the streets. These behaviors could simply indicate that your pet needs more stimulation. In addition to having patience, enrichment items may help to resolve some of these issues. Enrichment items provide an outlet for these behaviors and encourage healthy play for your pet. The key to enrichment items is providing your pet with lots of options and activities until you find what they like the most. Your pet will be happier and healthier.

Enrichment items are especially necessary for the dogs and cats still waiting at the shelter to be adopted. You can help shelter animals by making enrichment items either at home or at MAS for some furry friends. Please feel free to reach out to FOMAS, as we have recipes and instructions for healthy enrichment treats ready to share.

The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Reddington

Reddington, or "Red" (as his friends know him), is a chill guy but a little shy at first. Of course, once you get to know him, he'll be by your side all day. We asked his MAS Volunteer at the adoption event to tell us about this handsome Barkchelor:

"Reddington, to put it simply, is shy. He is a bit reluctant to leave his kennel, but once he is out, he is easy to walk. He is still coming out of his shell, but he has made so much progress. He's an introvert, so he's not going to make the first move with new dog friends. His perfect match would be someone who has the patience to get to know him better. He is a very sweet dog and so relaxed once he finds his space."



If you're interested in getting to know Reddington more, you can view information about him [HERE!](#)



Barkchelor #2: Vegan Scallop

Vegan Scallop is ready to be the life of the party, wherever he goes. I mean look, he's already in a tuxedo. We connected with his wing-woman at MAS, to find out more about this dapper gentleman. "Vegan Scallop is very friendly and a fetch genius. He has healthy puppy energy and is a master at play time. The toys in the yard hate to see him coming. He is a bit strong on the leash, but he is always ready for a meet-and-greet."

Vegan Scallop is looking for an individual or family to match his energy and be ready for adventures. He is great at finding "hidden" toys and making good first impressions. If you need a friend to explore the wilderness, Vegan Scallop would be a great companion.

Vegan Scallop is currently spending time with his foster family, but he will be available at MAS soon!

Upcoming Events

May 10 | Lou Adopts at KY Expo Center

May 17 | Build Our Blocks - Division 15

May 18 @ 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM |
MAS Days at Le Moo

May 21 @ 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM |
BoomBozz Dinner Pawty Day in the Highlands

May 24 | Rabies Clinic at Highview Park

June 5 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Summer Kick-Off Adoption Event at Oxmoor Center

June 7 | Rabies Clinic at Fraternal Order of Eagles



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 Reddington and Vegan Scallop!

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