

Friends of Metro Animal Services November 5, 2025 Newsletter



There's Always Something to Be Thankful For

As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, we wanted to express our gratitude to the Metro Animal Services (MAS) Staff, Volunteers, and Fosters. These folks are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts! Each week, we are absolutely blown away by the hard work, dedication, and compassion that each of these groups puts in at the shelter. You are all heroes who show up with passion and purpose. We wanted to take this opportunity to express our gratitude because your work makes our community a better place.



FOMAS also wants to thank our donors and community partners. Your generous support and kindness are an essential part of the work that we do, and we are so grateful. FOMAS' mission to support MAS takes a collective effort, and we have witnessed the strength that comes from working together. Thank you again to all of the people and organizations that support MAS and FOMAS. We could not do this work without each of you!



FOMAS Board Retreat: The Power of Reflection and Planning

On Thursday, October 16th, the FOMAS Board of Directors, along with its Executive Director, attended its annual Retreat, where they stepped back from their day-to-day responsibilities and focused on big-picture planning for FOMAS at the Goodwill Opportunity Center in downtown Louisville. During the all-day Retreat, Board Members discussed solutions for emerging issues, as well as brainstormed fundraising opportunities and long-term financial planning for the organization.

The FOMAS Board is currently made up of twelve volunteers, who are passionate ambassadors that bring varying expertise to the table, along with engagement and thought partnership. We would like to



extend our deepest gratitude to our Board Members for their outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to our mission of saving and rehoming lost, abandoned, and unwanted companion animals within the Louisville and Jefferson County community.

In Memory of Betty Dabney Brown (1931-2025)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Betty Prewitt Dabney Brown, one of FOMAS' longest-serving Board Members and our first Honorary Board Member. Born on August 22, 1931, in Lexington, Kentucky, Betty majored in political science at Duke University before eventually obtaining her teaching certificate and teaching school in both Virginia and Kentucky. Betty served as a volunteer courier for the Frontier Nursing Service in the Kentucky Mountains before marrying Randolf Alexander Brown in 1977 and moving to Louisville, KY, where her passion for volunteering continued to grow.



Betty was a tireless advocate for many causes and served on several Boards throughout her lifetime, but we will always remember Betty as a guiding light for FOMAS. In the organization's early years, Betty's contributions were pivotal to FOMAS's growth and success. In recent years, Betty took an honorary position on the Board so that we could still benefit from her institutional knowledge and support. Betty put the "friend" in Friends of Metro Animal Services. Her love for animals, particularly dogs, was always apparent and Betty's legacy will continue to inspire us. Rest in peace, Betty. We will miss you dearly.

The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Pork Chop

Pork Chop is looking for his furever fam, and he's been waiting a long time. Pork Chop (A786601) is a beautiful grey Pitbull Terrier. Pork Chop is a Champion, which means his adoption fee is covered, and he goes home with a VIP package. We asked his wingwoman at MAS why he's the dog for you:

"Pork Chop is a handsome gentleman with all the manners you want in a big dog. He is the perfect guy to have around the house. He loves kids and is indifferent to cats. He's polite and the best "Sit" champ in town. He's happy as long as he's with YOU!"



His perfect match would be someone not intimidated by his big size. If you want to love this chill boy, find out more about him HERE!

Barkchelor #2: That One Guy

You've probably heard about him; he's That One Guy (A784770), the 2-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix. That One Guy is also a Champion. We asked his wingman why he's an all-around great dog:

"That One Guy is an absolute catch. He is always ready for a walk and is easy to leash. He's super friendly and a great playtime buddy for both children and dogs. He is super



energetic and would fit well in a sporty or outdoorsy family. That One Guy is a gem. I hope he finds a great home."

If you think That One Guy is the dog for you, read more about him**HERE** to get more information!

Upcoming Events

December 5 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Adoption Event at Macy's Oxmoor 7900 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

Mark Your Calendar

November 2-8 | Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

November 7 | National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day

December 2 | 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 Pork Chop and That One Guy!

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