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## Friends of Metro Animal Services September 3, 2025 Newsletter

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### WHAS11 Telethon: A Day of Difference



The Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS)/WHAS11 Telethon was a powerful display of the community coming together for animals in need. We are immensely grateful for the generosity displayed on August 27th by the community. Over the course of 14 hours, more than 260 donors joined forces with us, along with volunteers, WHAS11, and Metro Animal Services (MAS) to raise over \$31,000. This generosity will transform an old salt dome on MAS property into an indoor dog enrichment area, giving shelter dogs a safe place to go during inclement weather throughout the year.

This project will provide far more than shelter. It will give dogs the freedom to be themselves. With space to run, play, and interact, the enrichment

area will ease stress, improve health, and help each dog shine, making them more adoptable and increasing their chances of finding forever homes. Moreover, the telethon raised awareness about volunteering, fostering, and adoption. Thanks to the incredible impact of the telethon, countless dogs will now have a better chance at finding their forever homes. The support we received means the world to us and the pets we support through our mission!

## Give for Good Day: Be Part of Something GOOD on September 18

The countdown is on! September 18th, the Community Foundation of Louisville will be hosting Give for Good Louisville, and once again, Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) will be taking part. Since its launch in 2014, Give for Good Louisville has raised over \$70 million for local nonprofits in our community.

Get ready to be part of something uplifting, and mark your calendars. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 from over 150 donors! Make sure to tune into our social media channels that day as we post stories and thank the donors who help make a difference!



## Volunteer Spotlight: Stephen Saurer

Meet Stephen - Stephen is one of the many amazing volunteers at Metro Animal Services (MAS). He and his wife have always had an affinity for helping animals in need, and in November of 2023, Stephen joined the MAS volunteer team. Initially, Stephen tried fostering dogs; however, after his third "foster fail," he and his wife decided their happy home had plenty of furry companions.

Stephen next tried field trips, where he would come to the shelter and take a furry friend with him for a few hours to do some fun activities in the community and give the animal a break from the shelter. He then shifted his focus to potty breaks for the dogs, which he quickly realized was his true calling at the shelter. This allowed him to have the greatest impact across multiple dogs each day, rather than focusing on one dog for a longer period of time.



Thank you, Stephen, for all of the time and energy you've spent supporting MAS! Volunteering comes in various shapes and sizes, and like Stephen, it may take a minute to find the right fit for you. If you would like to make an impact on the animals residing at MAS, please consider volunteering at MAS or FOMAS. We would love to have you join the volunteer team!

#### **Stephen's Words of Wisdom:**

"You need to do your best and accept the fact that there won't always be happy outcomes - no dog deserves to be there, and they won't all get the life you want for them and the life that they deserve. Love every dog you are with as though they are your own family - they can feel it."

## **The Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight**

### **Catchelorette#1: Renae Renal**

Are you a picky eater? Renae Renal (A775025) might be your new bestie. This sweet gal is about 8 years old, and can only eat Renal food. Renal foods are foods that are low in certain nutrients that can put stress on the kidneys, such as potassium, phosphorus, sodium, and protein. We caught up with her wing woman at MAS on why she's the perfect sweetie to take home:

"Renae has spent her time between her foster home and Alley Cat Advocates. She is the sweetest girl, and she loves attention. Always constantly seeking someone out for head scratched or a warm lap to cuddle up in. Outside of her dietary issues, she is one of the easiest cats to get along with! "





Her perfect match would be someone who loves affection and doesn't mind providing her with the care she needs the most. You can read more about this sweet gal, [HERE!](#)



## Barkchelor #1: Farty by Nature

We don't want to make a stink, but Farty by Nature (A775750) is one cutie batootie. Farty is an 8 year old Pit Bull Terrier, with lots of love to give. We caught up with his foster family to learn more about him:

"He's a 55 pound blanket hog, that will only share with you if you promise to give him cuddles. He loves going on walks, playing fetch, and he's fantastic on the leash. This golden boy definitely needs a nap after a long walk. Farty loves other

dogs and doesn't have any issues with cats. This sweet old boy deserves a furever home with lots of love to give."

Farty by Nature's perfect match would be someone who wants a healthy balance of play time and nap time. He's a bit older, so he would prefer a space where he doesn't need to go up too many steps. If you think he's a good match for you, check him out [HERE!](#)

## Upcoming Events

September 16 @ 6:35 PM - 8:30 PM |  
FOMAS Tabling Louisville Slugger Field  
401 E Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

September 18 @ midnight - 11:59 PM |  
Give for Good Louisville Day (Kentuckiana Online Giving Day)  
<https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organization/friends-of-metro-animal-services>

September 19 @ 6:35 PM - 8:30 PM |  
#YourCityShelter Night at Louisville Slugger Field  
401 E Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

September 21 @ 1:05 PM - 3:30 PM |  
FOMAS Tabling Louisville Slugger Field  
401 E Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

September 25 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM |  
Meet Me at the Mall Adoption Event at Mall St. Matthews  
5000 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

September 27 @ 6:00 PM |  
Pups on the Pitch at Lynn Family Stadium  
350 Adams St, Louisville, KY 40206

September 27 @ 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM |



Dinner Pawty Fundraiser at Raising Cane's  
1250 Bardstown Rd #1250, Louisville, KY 40204

## Mark Your Calendar

September 14 | National Hug Your Hound Day

September 14-20 | National Compassionate Leadership Week

September 20 | Responsible Dog Ownership 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 Renae Renal and Farty by Nature!

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