



Friends of Metro Animal Services
September 2, 2026 Newsletter

Be a Hero on September 10th

Not all heroes wear capes - some participate in Give for Good Louisville, the largest online giving day in the Kentuckiana region. Each year, the Community Foundation of Louisville hosts Give for Good to promote hundreds of nonprofits in our community. We are hopeful that on September 10th that you will support FOMAS so that we can continue to create Happawily Ever Afters for animals under the care of Metro Animal Services (MAS), the only open-intake shelter in the area.



You all have proven time and time again that you are everyday heroes. Every like, every share, and every contribution helps save lives. MAS is racing against increasing intake numbers, and the staff and volunteers are working hard to give every animal their best chance. Please consider turning your compassion into action by supporting FOMAS on September 10th.

https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organization/friends-of-metro-animal-services

Good Calls & Better Futures

You lit up our phone lines! Thanks to you, our third annual Pawfect Match Tail-a-thon with WHAS11 was a success. We asked the community to pitch in and send their love to help animals in need at Metro Animal Services, and you answered the call. We raised over $56,000 to improve the lives of each and every animal who comes into the shelter. We had a lovely group of volunteers manning the Call Center, and the phones were ringing off the hook. With this money, the shelter will be able to provide better experiences for the animals who need it most. Thank you for showing us how much the community cares! Every department of MAS will feel the love and have the tools and resources they need to create happawily ever afters for the animals in their care.



Leadership & Foster Fails: A Special Thank You to Mackenzie

Mackenzie Wallace joined the FOMAS Board in February of 2023, but she has been deeply involved in the foster community at Metro Animal Services since 2019. Due to relocation, Mackenzie is stepping away from the FOMAS Board, but she leaves with many paw prints permanently placed on her heart. We, at FOMAS, want to thank Mackenzie for her dedicated service and all of the animals that she has fostered and cared for over the years.

Fred was Mackenzie's first foster fail, and a few years later, a spicy orange cat named Chester became her second. In 2025, Diego joined the family via yet another foster fail. In March, Mackenzie picked up Miss Daisy, and after a month with no potential adopters, Mackenzie decided to make her a permanent part of the family. Soon thereafter, she fostered a spunky little gremlin, affectionately named Gizmo. Gizmo officially became Gizmo Queenie Wallace on August 19th. While these may be considered foster fails, we consider them a “win-win” for Mackenzie and the animals.

We asked Mackenzie about her time on the Board, and she said, “It has meant the world to me to be part of this organization and this animal welfare community. From a young age, I was obsessed with animals. I stopped eating meat/fish at 10. I was the person who wanted to feed every stray, pet every dog, ‘pspsp’ every cat - so getting the chance to have Board experience while being part of an organization that helps our city shelter was the most unbelievable gift. It has been an honor and a privilege. I am a better human and a better animal-mom for having known my fellow Board members, the staff at FOMAS, and the staff at MAS.” We are so grateful to Mackenzie for her time and support, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mackenzie! We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.



Cool Treats for Summer Heat

To say summer at Metro Animal Services has been busy, would be an understatement. To show some gratitude for the amazing work being done at MAS, FOMAS brought Big Mike's Shaved Ice to the MAS campus to surprise the staff and volunteers. In the past few months, MAS has taken in over 6000 animals, and it wasn't just raining cats and dogs. In this year alone, they've received rodents, chinchillas, chickens, ducks, sheep, pigs, goats, and reptiles. We have endless praise and appreciation for the meaningful work being done by MAS’ staff and volunteers.

Moreover, we are proud of MAS for being recognized as a No-Kill Shelter by Best Friends Animal Society, one of the largest and most respected animal welfare organizations in the country. MAS accomplished an outstanding 94% live release rate in 2025, when the national average for live release rate was 81%-83%. Just like shaved ice, the MAS staff and volunteers bring color and joy to the homeless pet population in our community. What better way to cool down from a hot day than a sweet treat?



Monthly Metro Animal Spotlight

Barkchelor #1: Mello



Mello (#A797535) has a smile that won't quit and good vibes that keep on giving. He's a sweet adult dog with a clean white coat. We asked his wingwoman what he's all about:

"Bullseye from Target has NOTHING on Mello. You could be the apple of his eye. With that winning smile and dramatic 'eye makeup,' who could say no to him? Mello is bringing good vibes to everyone - cats, dogs, and children too! He's even known as a Playgroup Superstar at the shelter. He's the life of the party, but he can also sit and lend a paw if you need it. He loves treats and won't take your hand off to get them. Just give him a command, and he'll post up for a treat."

Are you looking for a fun dog who makes friends anywhere he goes? Check out Mello **HERE**. He's a hoot to be around, and his adoption fees are covered by the Champions Program!

Upcoming Events



September 10 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Give for Good Louisville
Support #YourCityShelter for Kentuckiana's Largest Online Giving Day
Give for Good Louisville - FOMAS

September 19 @ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Rabies Clinic - District 20
Woodland Pavilion at Broad Run Park

September 24 @ 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
Dinner Pawty - Mark's Feed Store, Dixie Hwy
10316 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, Kentucky, 40272
Click Here to Save the Fundraiser Voucher

September 26 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
Macy's Adoption Event
7900 Shelbyville Rd, Suite B, Louisville, KY 40222

October 21 @ 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM |
National Make a Dog's Day (10/22) Fundraiser
Pinot's Palette, 291 N Hubbards Ln, Suite 160, Louisville, KY 40207
Sign Up Here!

Mark Your Calendar

September 12 | National Day of Encouragement

September 13 | National Pet Memorial Day

September 13 | National Hug Your Hound Day

September 19 | National Responsible Dog Ownership Day

September 19 | National Puppy Mill Awareness Day (Educating the public on the cruel conditions of Commercial Dog Breeding)

September 28 | National Be a Good Neighbor Day

2nd Full Week | National Compassionate Leadership Week

Last Full Week | Deaf Dog Awareness Week

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 Mello!

Volunteer SignUp!

Donate Today!

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admin@fomaslou.org

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www.fomaslou.org

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