

M.A.S. MESSENGER



Summer 2018

Director's Note

Team,
The past few months have been tough. The shelter continues to operate near capacity at a time our busy season usually is winding down. But we continue to build on our successes because of your commitment to homeless animals and our shelter.



We remain at No Kill status, expanded community outreach and continue to improve the shelter's reputation. I'm grateful for all you do for homeless pets and the shelter.

-Ozzy Gibson

Groundbreaking Marks New Era for LMAS



In April, ground was broken on Louisville's future home to homeless pets. The new \$11.3M LMAS Campus and Animal Shelter will be located next Animal House Adoption Center at 3516 Newburg Rd. The state-of-the-art facility will house up to 152 dogs and 83 cats and includes: a modern Veterinary wing with the shelter's first x-ray machine, 2 additional surgery tables (4) and 2 exam tables (4). A low cost clinic will operate independently of the shelter, offering vaccinations, microchipping and other services. The new facility adds specialty rooms currently not available at the Manslick Rd. facility: small mammal, isolation, grooming, photo, and food preparation. The future LMAS campus will also feature a half-mile walking track and six fenced-in play yards. The new shelter is expected to open late Summer 2018.

Work in Progress

Construction of the new LMAS Campus and Shelter is currently on schedule. Developer FW Owens says crews are in the process of pouring the cement foundation, and have completed the dog kennels area. Water and sewage lines already have been laid. In the coming week's crews will carving out a path for the walking track.



2,156 Adoptions

PAWESOME!

506 Sent to Rescue

BARKTASTIC!

440 Sent to Foster

PURRFECT!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th
Halloween Festival & Parade
Baxter Ave & Bardstown Rd.

October 7th
Petco Adoption Event
Shelbyville Rd.

October 11th
DOGTOBERFEST
Highlands

October 13th
Southwest Community Festival
Louisville Water Tower

October 21st
Sunny's Sol Fest
Louisville Water Tower

Oct. 28th
LMPD Family Fright Night
415 N. 29th St.

IN THE NEWS

- [Reward increases to \\$7,500 for dog shot by arrow](#)
- [City breaks ground on No Kill animal shelter](#)
- [Trapped kitten rescue by Louisville Water, LMAS](#)
- [Cat got your Coffee? Cat Café opens in Highlands](#)
- [LMAS spends less on overtime, live release rate improves](#)
- [FOMAS announces new executive director](#)
- [Kentucky lawmaker wants stricter punishment for animal cruelty convictions](#)



Welcome to the Team!



Alicia Chapman previously worked at Shively Animal Hospital before becoming an Animal Care Specialist



Matt Thomas recently joined the Animal Control Division



*Waived adoption fees for all adult cats and large breed dogs 40 lbs or more for approved applicants



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HappyTail Hour an Outstanding Success

The annual event at the Kentucky Derby Festival's Fest-A-Ville at Waterfront Park was the only evening during the build-up to Derby that people could bring their dogs for a tail waggin' good time. More than two dozen animal organizations participated in the LMAS event at Waterfront Park. Activities features games for dogs humans, demonstrations and contests and raffles, with Friends of Metro Animal Services fundraising for shelter pets and numerous programs to help find them homes.

It's Official!



Animal Control Officers Kelly Kerry & Megan Wermuth were sworn in by Chief of Public Services Doug Hamilton. They're already patrolling the streets, rescuing the city's most vulnerable animals!

Field Trip Program Receives Award

The LMAS Field Trip Reward won a [Critic's Choice award](#) at the 2018 Best of Louisville Awards. The program launched in 2017 by Foster Coordinator, Stephanie Jackson, also was highlighted during the Best Friends National Conference. A presentation about the program explained how field trips away from the shelter can play an important role in a homeless dogs chances of being adopted. Volunteers learn more about the pet they spend at least one hour with and share valuable information about their personalities with potential adopters. The field trip program is responsible for finding homes for hundreds of dogs who have passed through the shelter, especially those who spent more than 30 days waiting for forever homes.



Birthdays

September

Emily Fawbush
Sam Hawkins

October

Jennifer Jeffers
Michelle Fisher
Brett Whittaker

A Message from Friends of Metro Animal Services



Susanna Westerfield, Executive Director

Hello!
Did you know that Friends of Metro Animal Services has a website and you can find us on [Twitter](#)? Visit www.fomaslou.org to know about upcoming events, ways to donate - and coming in 2019, a the launch of our e-newsletter! It has been a pleasure being part of the Metro Animal Services family.
FOMAS has been busy creating new events, setting up outreach opportunities, and talking to potential donors. Your support is crucial because you are the face of MAS, and our community is interested in knowing you.

Don't forget our first-ever [DOGTOBERFEST](#) in the Highlands on Thursday, October 11th. Join us to meet the Bellarmine Men's Basketball Team and participate in our raffle.

-Susanna M. Westerfield



Rescue Bound

Hundreds of dogs have made their way to rescues this year, thanks to the Ruff Riders, staff who volunteer to drive them to a better future.



Rescue Coordinator Shannon Riley organizes the transports to animal welfare groups to other states as far as Minnesota!



PUPS ON PARADE



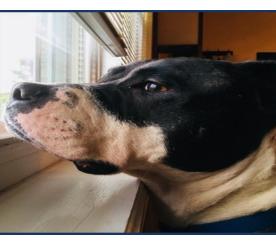
Adoptable dogs from LMAS strut their stuff

Pride Festival 2018



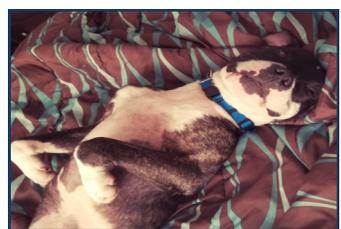
Shelter pups were escorted by LMAS Staff & Volunteers

Happy Tails



A little over a month ago, we adopted Booker (now Milo.) Since then, he has quickly cemented himself as part of our family and has been the absolute sweetest dog we could have hoped for.

He's super smart and very well behaved, and has had no issues with our cat or any other dogs we've introduced him to. I've included some pictures as you requested and just wanted to say



thanks again for giving us the opportunity to adopt such a fantastic pup!
-Chris M.



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