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# LMAS Still Open FOMAS Asking for Help of Louisville's Only Open-Admission Shelter

*FOMAS executive director asking the Louisville Community  
for adoptions and donations*

**(Louisville, Ky.)** March 30, 2020 – Over the past few weeks, COVID-19 is creating new challenges and many of those impact our community's abandoned and abused animals who have no control over their fate. "The Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) is thankful that Governor Beshear and Mayor Fischer understand the critical nature of animal shelters in designating them "essential businesses," but keeping our doors open is more challenging than ever," said Cathy Zion, Chairperson of FOMAS.

"Louisville Metro Animal Services is the only true open shelter in Jefferson County mandated by law, committed to taking all our county's neglected animals and responsible for handling the quarantine of aggressive animals," said Susanna Westerfield, Executive Director of FOMAS. "With other local shelters closing their doors, these challenges become even greater. FOMAS is asking for your help to alleviate overcrowding in the shelter to maintain its no-kill status."

**ADOPT** – Everyone adopting an animal(s) will be eligible for a weekly drawing of a \$100 gift card from FOMAS. Under the current "stay at home" order, this is a perfect time to adopt while also easing the pressure of shelter space and making a huge difference in the lives of the adopted pets...and their adopted "parents". To see animals currently looking for a home go to: [Adopt a Pet](#)

**DONATE** – Donate to help defer costs of pet adoptions, medical expenses for poor unclaimed animals, fostering, and other necessary items. <https://fomaslou.org/donate>

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**About FOMAS:** Formed in 2009 as the 501(c)(3) non-profit fundraising entity for Louisville Metro Animal Services. FOMAS encourages individual, business and corporate donations to support LMAS' Pay It Forward Free Adoptions Program as well as programs and services critical to the care of incoming stray animals.

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