

WHAT ARE THE ADOPTIONS FEES?

MAS bases the adoption fee for each animal on the animal's age, breed, length of stay in our facility, and other factors. We view each pet as an individual and establish a fee that will best ensure each pet finds the appropriate home. Our adoption fees don't even begin to cover all of the costs of the surgical and medical services received by each animal or the daily care. Therefore, donations are always welcome. A word of caution: Animals advertised as "FREE" are not really "free." By the time you provide all of the necessary medical attention and the animal's needs, it will end up costing you at least twice as much as adopting one from us.

CAN'T ADOPT A PET RIGHT NOW?

There are other ways to help homeless animals. You can donate items or funds, or you can become a volunteer. Every little bit helps! Go to our website for more information on helping homeless animals.

THE SPOT FUND, INC.

Metro Animal Services has established its own non-profit organization called the Spot Fund Inc. Its mission is to create, publicize, administer and fund programs, projects and campaigns that will promote and increase the success of MAS. The ultimate goal is to make our community a safe place for our people and their animals.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

Find out more about Metro Animal Services by going to the Louisville Metro website at: www.LouisvilleKy.gov/AnimalServices. You'll be able to view adoptable animals, license your pet, review the Animal Care and Control Ordinance, and find out more about what we do.

ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION HOURS

Monday and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 6 pm
Wednesday and Friday 10 pm to 7 pm
Closed Sundays & Holidays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Closed Sundays & Holidays

PHONE NUMBERS

Adoptions 574-5511
Licensing 361-1318
S.P.O.T. Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program
574-SPOT (7768)
Service Requests (Animal Control) 363-6609
Officers on duty 7 am to 11 pm



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If You Love Animals...

You'll Adopt One Who Needs a Home!

**Adoption Program
Metro Animal Services**

**Louisville's Animal Care
Authority**



SO MANY GREAT CHOICES!

Metro Animal Services (MAS) has the largest selection of animals for adoption under one roof. Sadly most of these animals weren't lucky enough to have committed responsible owners to care for them the first time around. That's why they need you to give them a second chance! Over 25% of the animals we receive are actually purebred and many more appear to be. The majority of them were someone's pet at one point in their lives, but through no fault of their own, they ended up at our facility. Now they are waiting for the right person to come along. We know you'll want to take them all home, but you can't. But what you can do is tell all of your friends and family about our adoption program and adopt one for yourself when the time is right.

HOW DO I KNOW WHO'S RIGHT FOR ME?

Our animals are from "random sources" which means our adoptable dogs and cats come from various backgrounds. We have over 200 animals ready to go home with you, plus another 200 waiting to be claimed or to be put up for adoption. Keep an open mind. You won't want to choose your new companion based on looks alone. Looks can be deceiving and using that as the deciding factor can be a huge mistake. After all, you wouldn't choose to spend the next 10 to 17 years with a person, let alone a pet, based on looks alone. It is very important to consider as many factors as possible. Many small dogs are high energy, while larger ones are couch potatoes.

When choosing your new friend for life, please take into consideration the following factors:

- **The reason you want a pet**
- **Temperament, activity level and size**
- **Living space (apartment, house, yard)**
- **Budget (daily expenses as well as possible emergency vet care)**
- **Other family members, regular visitors and/or other animals**
- **Time for socializing and care of the pet**

Remember, your new pet will be part of the family for the next several years or more.

HOW LONG DO THE ANIMALS STAY UP FOR ADOPTION?

There is no time limit. We have had animals here for months waiting for homes. Of course it is much better for the animals to get adopted sooner rather than later. We work with other animal welfare and rescue groups to transfer animals on a regular basis. In rare cases an animal that is up for adoption may have medical or behavioral issues that may preclude their adoptability. MAS is working toward a day when there aren't any adoptable animals euthanized. It is our ultimate goal to end the euthanization of any potentially adoptable animals.

THE PAPERWORK PART

When you find an animal that you think might be your match you will fill out an adoption survey and meet with an adoption coordinator. The adoption coordinator will review your survey and assist you in making the right choice. You should take the opportunity to spend some time with the animals you are considering. If you already have animals you'll need to consider that too. A meet and greet with all family members, including other animals is an important exercise to do. The adoption fee is due upon approval. Once an animal is chosen the process usually takes about twenty to thirty minutes.

A SUPER PACKAGE DEAL

Our package fee includes everything your pet needs to get started on the right paw. You will receive complimentary coupons and samples of food and pet-related products. All animals will be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on their vaccinations, preventive parasite treatment, microchipped, and licensed. Dogs over 6 months are checked for heartworm and cats over four months are checked for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus. Dogs, cats, and ferrets over three months will receive a rabies vaccine and issued rabies and license tags. We urge all adopters to take their new friend to the veterinarian within seven days of adoption for an initial medical exam. Our adoption fee is a great value, but the most important thing is that you are saving a life and getting a new best friend.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CHOSE AN ANIMAL THAT ISN'T READY TO GO HOME?

We have to hold all strays for a minimum of five (5) days. If you are interested in an animal who is still being held as a stray or because of a confiscation or investigation, you can place your name on that animal as a third party. But, you do take a chance of the animal being claimed or not passing the medical and behavioral assessment. This can be disappointing and is something to consider when walking through the kennels.