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**Susanna M. Westerfield Hired
As FOMAS Executive Director**

Friends of Metro Animal Services (FOMAS) is pleased to announce that Susanna M. Westerfield has been hired as its new Executive Director.

Her experience, excellent communication skills, program development, community outreach and non-profit administration will benefit the homeless animals which FOMAS supports at Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS) with development of new programs and services. Susanna, who has an MS in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University and BS in Occupational Education from the University of Louisville, also brings a wealth of board/volunteer experience.

With over 25 years' experience in organizational consulting, leadership and design, and development of organization-wide custom programs, policies, and strategies, Susanna will work with the dedicated and compassionate staff at Louisville Metro Animal Services to expand community outreach to support programs critical to LMAS and raise funds for the new animal shelter which is set to open in June 2019.

Susanna feels strongly about advancing LMAS' progress as the county's largest and only open-admission animal shelter that provides a temporary home for the 8,000 homeless animals in their care annually. LMAS, for the first time ever, has reached the no-kill status shelter for pets.

FOMAS was formed in 2009 as the 501(c)(3) non-profit fundraising entity for Louisville Metro Animal Services. FOMAS encourages individual donations to support LMAS' Pay It Forward Adoption Program and Medical Vouchers that help eligible owners provide care for their pets. FOMAS is also supplementing Metro Louisville's budget by pursuing donations to help build fund the new up-to-date animal care facility, to provide the newest technologies and resources for the animals receiving treatment and care so they can recuperate and find new homes. The new facility will be located adjacent to LMAS' adoption facility, Animal House, on Newburg Road.