



Four-Legged Forum

Winter 2023

Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter

GLAMMING IT UP FOR A CAUSE



Amazing Flowers by LUSH

Oh, my, did we get to say “You clean up nicely” a lot on November 18 at our Inaugural **Black Tie & Tails Gala**, held at the beautiful **Crown Hall** in downtown Mobile. The amazing **Sarah Clark**

and her crew generously put together an

awesome evening of food, beverages, music and more to support our mission to help pets in our city!



Allyson Clements, Sarah Clark, Anna Bush, Rachel Aune

Thanks to so many local businesses and creatives, we had a fantastic silent auction (in person and online) that got some competitive bidders going, along with raffles for everyone! Musician **Gabriel Willis** and caricature artist **Kathy Buskett** made for a clever good time.

In 2024, FOMAS will celebrate **20 years** of supporting the no-healthy-death goal of our City Shelter and this event was a great way to showcase and thank many who’ve helped along the way! Thank you to **Southeast Toyota Finance**, **B&B Pet Stop**, and **United Johnson Brothers** our “Leaders of the Pack” sponsors, and **1702 Real Estate**, **Paws on Pinehill**, **AD Venture Specialties**, **Gulf State**



A Beautiful Setting

Hangers & Fasteners, and **Susie Freeman**, our “Paws of Applause” sponsors. Thank you to the shelter director and staff who came and helped at our event and spent time meeting our supporters.

Thanks, as well, to longtime supporter **Darwin Singleton** –



Dee Ryals & Makayla Mosley



B&B Guests with Darwin Singleton

Mobile’s premier emcee, who kept things moving along, and to the FOMAS and shelter volunteers and

supporters who made it a point to share the event and come out and enjoy it with us. The funds raised will continue supporting spay and neuter for shelter pets and other pets in need in our city. We can’t wait to do it again! *(Thanks to Allyson Clements & Shelly Kirk for pictures shamelessly stolen and used here)*



With Shelly, Natalie & Ally Kirk



Fun Faces with Pets!



The start of something great!

SUPPORTER SHOUT-OUT!

If you know **Caroline “Susie” Freeman**, you know she never slows down and being retired is nonsense. In addition to always being ready to donate or sponsor events and help at adoptions and clinics, Susie makes a weekly (or more) trek to FOMAS to pick up and do our laundry. Shelter laundry can be messy! We are so grateful for this generous (if unglamorous) service!

OUR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS – THANK YOU!

June - November 2023

Fiona Adams
 Jo Ellen Averett
 Lynn Bagley
 Janice L. Bailey
 Carroll & Vicki Sue Barrett
 Amanda Baxley
 Daria Brocato
 B&B Pet Stop (Rabies & Nail Clinics)
 B-Bob's Bleather Weekend
 Madelyn Carter
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 Charles Womack

DONATIONS FOR CARE OF:

“Mr. Orange” & “Sable”

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“Wade”

Emily Kearns Johnston

“Lucy”

Mike Crim, East Bay Electric

“For Snapper & Bandit”

Paige Flach

DONATIONS IN

HONOR OF:

**Thor Cumbie's
 Birthday**

Ben Boller

Lauren Moore

Sylvia Tarpley for Christmas

Lynda Grier

SPAY/NEUTER FUND DONATIONS:

C D Helen & Jeff Glaze Foundation

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

Caleb Curry & Andria Colvell

Little Flower School

Paws on Pinehill

Petco in Mobile

Pro Legal Discovery Solutions

Terry Reiter

Susan Sklenar

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Vicki Dykes

Brenda Cashdollar

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Donna Turner

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Rebecca Miller-Rice

& Miller Family

Walter F. Neese, Jr.

Blair Schoenvogel

“Chance” beloved dog of Mr. & Mrs.

John Hall

Alix Hardie

“Bella” beloved dog of Lorren West

Stacey Cunningham

“Louie” beloved pet of Leanne Berg

Tracy Neely

“Shane the Sweet Poodle”

Donna Hensley



**Don't Forget! December is “Round Up” Month
 for FOMAS at B&B Pet Stop. Shop your favorite
 LOCAL Pet Store, round your purchase up to the
 next dollar & support FOMAS!**

HAPPY TAILS!

Chico & Rocky

Sweet seniors Chico & Rocky came to FOMAS when their owner suddenly died. The boys have been best buddies for 10 years! Finding a home for ONE senior pup can be challenging, but a pair is daunting! After some time with us, we believed they would do okay apart and Chico had a family very interested. But, before she even met them, their new mom, Kimberly, just knew they couldn't split them up. Happily, they went home together, to a home with another senior pup. Happiest of Trails, sweet boys!



Spirit

Spirit was brought to us covered in fleas and extremely lethargic and after much needed TLC he was ready to go home! His forever family saw him at Petco and just had to have him! Spirit has become the light of their lives and is truly the baby of the house!



HELPING FAMILIES KEEP PETS HEALTHY

Our vaccine clinics, with free annual vaccines provided by petcolove.org, have continued to help meet the needs of people in our community who are working hard to keep their pets healthy amid sometimes challenging times.



As of our December clinic, we have provided over 1000 dog and 500 cat basic vaccines, plus, thanks to support from the Mobile County Health Department, approximately 2000 low-cost rabies vaccines.

With the help of Pampered Pets, we can also offer low-cost nail trims to



pets. These clinics give us an opportunity to encourage and inform regarding spay & neuter and basic care such as flea and parasite prevention. We plan to continue to offer these the first Saturday each month at Little Flower School through the spring. Your support helps us with the

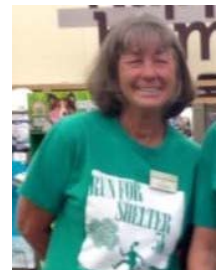
necessary supplies, from syringes to signage. If you are interested in helping (directing traffic, drawing shots, paperwork or Spanish



interpreting), we'd love to have you. Please complete our volunteer application at www.fomaspets.org and note these interests.

In Memorium

FOMAS was heartbroken to lose one of our own in 2023. Victoria "Vicki" Vallas Dykes was a longtime volunteer, board member, treasurer and go-to, especially for shepherds needing extra TLC. No matter the need, Vicki was always a joyful helper and supporter. Vicki passed away in late September after a few months of illness. She will be missed beyond measure!



The FOMAS Board thanks the many people, businesses and organizations that support our mission throughout the year. May your holiday season be filled with friendship, fun and fabulous fur babies. And may 2024 be a year of love, peace and blessings.

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*Donations by credit card also accepted
through our website. www.fomaspets.org*

The **FOMAS MISSION** is to improve the quality of life for Shelter pets housed at the City of Mobile Animal Shelter; to find forever homes for healthy adoptable shelter pets; and to reduce the number of unwanted pets roaming the streets of our community by utilizing spay and neuter programs. If you would like to find *YOUR* new best friend, call or visit us! If you can't adopt a pet right now, but would like to help, please visit us online for ideas regarding volunteering, fostering, and donating.

FOMAS is a 501(c)3 non-profit adoption guarantee group.
Donations are tax deductible.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

Saturday, Dec. 9 10:30-1:30 Pet Adoption, Petco; 10-noon Rabies Clinic, Pet Supplies Plus.

Saturday, Dec. 30 11:00-1:00 Pet Adoption, B&B Pet Stop

Saturday, Jan. 6 Free petcolove.org Vaccine Clinic, plus \$12 Rabies Vaccines \$15 Nail Trims, \$10 microchips 10:00 am-noon, Little Flower School.

Saturday, Jan. 13 10:30-1:30 Pet Adoption, Petco; 10-noon Rabies Clinic, Pet Supplies Plus.

Saturday, Jan. 27 1:00-3:00 Rabies Clinic, *nail trims & microchips available*, B&B Pet Stop

Saturday, Feb. 3 Free petcolove.org Vaccine Clinic, plus \$12 Rabies Vaccines \$15 Nail Trims, \$10 microchips 10:00 am-noon, Little Flower School.

Saturday, Feb. 10 10:30-1:30 Pet Adoption, Petco; 10-noon Rabies Clinic, Pet Supplies Plus.

Saturday, Feb. 24 11:00-1:00 Pet Adoption, B&B Pet Stop.

Saturday Mar. 2 Free petcolove.org Vaccine Clinic, plus \$12 Rabies Vaccines & \$15 Nail Trims, \$10 Microchips 10:00 am-noon, Little Flower School.

Saturday, Mar. 9 10:30-2 Pet Adoption, Petco; 10-noon Rabies Clinic, Pet Supplies Plus.

Saturday, Mar. 23 1-3 pm Rabies Clinic *nail trims & microchips available*, B&B Pet Stop

Saturday, Apr. 6 Free petcolove.org Vaccine Clinic, plus \$12 Rabies Vaccines & \$15 Nail Trims, \$10 Microchips, 10:00 am-noon, Little Flower School.

Saturday, Apr. 20 11:00-1:00 Pet Adoption, B&B Pet Stop.

Saturday, Apr. 27 11:00-1:00 Pet Adoption, B&B Pet Stop.

**Events & locations subject to change. Please call or check our Facebook page for updates.*

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Yes, I would like to join forces with FOMAS in saving the lives of pets in our community!

I am enclosing my tax-deductible gift to help the Shelter pets:

\$25

\$50

\$100

\$200

Other \$ _____

Please visit our website to donate by PayPal or credit card www.fomaspets.org



Remember the **Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter** in your estate planning. Consider leaving a gift to FOMAS in your will. We are honored when our faithful donors choose FOMAS as a beneficiary in their estate plans. Your financial support will enable FOMAS to carry on with the mission of assisting Shelter pets housed at the City of Mobile Animal Shelter and other pets in need in our city.