

<u>Marion County</u> Oregon

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Marion County Dog Shelter Operating Hours to Change in January

(Salem, OR) – Beginning Monday, January 10, 2011, the Marion County Dog Shelter will be closed to the public on Mondays. The shelter will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Shelter staff will continue to be available on Mondays to take dog control complaints by phone and return dogs to their owners from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. However, dog adoptions and dog licensing will not be offered on Mondays. Those wishing to purchase dog licenses on a Monday may do so at the Public Works main campus or at many area veterinary clinics.

Public Works Director, Bill Worcester, who oversees the dog shelter, said that, "This schedule allows us to manage our staffing needs without sacrificing customer service. While the shelter will remain open to the public five days per week, we have staff on-site seven days per week to care for the dogs. The shelter will remain open on Saturdays to meet community needs."

To accommodate the schedule change, the Willamette Humane Society will receive stray dogs for Marion County on Mondays and Sundays. Marion County dog control officers will continue to be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a complete list of veterinary offices offering licensing services please contact the dog shelter. The Marion County Dog Shelter is located at 3550 Aumsville Highway SE, Salem. For more information please visit <u>www.mcdogs.net</u> or call (503) 566-6966.

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