



Marion County
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Marion County Dog Shelter offers \$1.00 rabies vaccines at dog license amnesty event

Marion County Dog Control will offer amnesty for late fees and licensing violations as well as provide licenses and vaccinations from **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010**, at the **Everything Pawsible** at 1415 Liberty Street NE in Salem. “If we can provide a venue for the community to vaccinate and license their dog without creating a financial hardship, then we’ve had a good day!” said Sonya Pulvers, office manager. She wanted to remind dog owners that when a dog strays or is lost, having a dog license “helps dog shelter staff return the dog to its home and family.”

For that reason, **\$1.00 Rabies vaccinations will be offered to the first 250 dogs whose owners purchase or renew a Marion County dog license.** This will be done on a first-come / first-served basis and after the first 250, rabies vaccinations will be offered for \$8.00. Willamette Valley Animal Hospital will also provide other low-cost vaccinations for dogs.

Licenses are \$17 a year for neutered or spayed dogs and \$32 for unaltered dogs. Proof of neutering or spaying must be provided to receive the reduced fee. Multi-year licenses are also available. The license fee is \$5 for seniors 65 and older with a spayed or neutered dog. Please bring a check or exact change. Dogs must be on leashes or in carriers.

All owners and keepers of dogs in Marion County are required by law to purchase a license when a dog reaches six months of age. Licenses are also required within 30 days of becoming a dog owner or moving into Marion County. License fees support the work of the dog control program, which rescues stray and injured dogs, handles dog complaints, and helps ensure the safety of the community through enforcement, education, and mediation.

For more information, call (503) 588-5233.

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