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## Amnesty, licenses and low cost vaccinations offered by Marion County Dog Control

Marion County Dog Control will offer amnesty for late fees and licensing violations as well as provide licenses and vaccinations from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, **March 21, 2009**, at Marion County Dog Shelter, 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE in Salem.

Dr. Susan McCarthy, DVM, will provide low-cost vaccinations, health exams, and microchipping for both dogs and cats at the licensing booth. Rabies vaccinations for dogs will be \$12.50, DHPP vaccinations \$16.00, Bordatella (kennel cough) vaccinations \$14.50, and microchipping with full registration \$39.50.

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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