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**Huge rummage sale grows to two-day event, while free rabies vaccines offered at amnesty event**

Marion County Dog Control & Shelter is holding a huge fund-raising rummage sale and license amnesty event and due to the amount of donations and interest, an extra day has been added to the sale. The rummage sale will now be held on both **Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24, 2010**, while the amnesty event is scheduled for Saturday, July 24. Both events will take place at Marion County Public Works located at 5155 Silverton Road NE in Salem.

The **rummage sale will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days** and will offer a variety of items, such as household items, glassware, dishes, exercise equipment, clothing (all sizes), lamps, dog kennel, books, and an ornamental yard pond. "There will be some great deals at great prices for a great cause," says Allison Barrows, shelter operations manager.

The **amnesty event** will waive late fees and licensing violations as well as provide licenses and vaccinations **from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** "We understand that people are struggling during these tough economic times and we want to do what we can to help our community," said Sonya Heard, office manager. For that reason, **free Rabies vaccinations will be offered to the first 250 dogs whose owners purchase or renew a Marion County dog license** and will be done on a first-come / first-served basis. Willamette Valley Animal Hospital will also provide 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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