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Dog shelter to hold huge rummage sale and dog license amnesty event with free rabies vaccines

Marion County Dog Control & Shelter is planning to jointly hold a huge fund-raising rummage sale and license amnesty event on **Saturday, July 24, 2010**. 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.** and will offer a variety of items at great prices. If you would still like to donate items, there's still time. You may drop-off donations between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the dog shelter located at 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE in Salem. For larger items such as appliances or furniture, please call in advance to arrange a drop off time and location. Donation receipts are available upon request.

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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