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A day of fun, games and prizes for our four-legged friends and their owners
Dog Fest '09 Coming September 12th

Mark your calendars now for Marion County's Dog Fest '09. Dog owners throughout the Willamette Valley are invited to bring their dog(s) for a day of fun, games, treats (for humans and dogs), exhibits, free materials, and demonstrations. Dog Fest runs from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

“Last year's event attracted over 300 people and their canines,” explained Marion County Dog Shelter Manager Allison Barrows. “It was a very fun day for all and at the same time, through the entry fee donation, we were able to raise nearly \$1900 to help homeless or lost dogs in the area find good homes.”

The cost of admission is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. All dogs participating will receive complimentary bandanas, a goodie bag and can participate in several games and events.

Some of the events slated this year include a series of contests. Prizes will be given for: best costume, best look alike (looks most like their owner), best trick, biggest dog and littlest dog. Winners will be decided by audience cheer. Other dog events available are an agility course and a water retrieval game, both very popular events at last year's Dog Fest.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes such as an overnight stay at the Oregon Coast at a dog friendly hotel. Additional raffle items are a dog massage gift certificate, various dog-related books, and baskets of dog-related goodies.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing will be featured at this year's Dog Fest. Part of the \$10 fee will be a donated to the shelter. CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs that have good manners at home and in the community. The program stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs.

There will be demonstrations by the Salem Police Department K-9 Unit, Joys of Living Assistance Dogs, Search and Rescue, therapy dogs, general dog training and more.

For more information, go to the Dog Fest website at:

<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/DogControl/dogfest.htm> or call the Marion County Dog Shelter at 503-566-6966.

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