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## <u>Limited Services Offered this Saturday at the Dog Shelter</u> **Dog Shelter Staff Prepare For Dog Fest 2009**

This Saturday, September 12, the Marion County Dog Shelter will be open regular hours; however will not be performing adoptions. Staff and adoptable dogs will all be across town at Chemeketa Community College in Salem for Dog Fest 2009. Dog Fest runs from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. this Saturday.

The shelter manager, dog control officers, veterinary and shelter technicians, and administrative staff will be on hand to help the event run smoothly by assisting with dog activities, grounds maintenance, safety, and showing adoptable dogs.

The shelter will be open for dropping off stray dogs, looking for a lost dog, and licensing a dog. However, the shelter will not be doing any adoptions that day. "We hope people looking for well behaved, adoptable dogs will come to Dog Fest," said Shelter Manager Allison Barrows. "We will have many adoptable dogs at the event," she said.

The cost of admission for Dog Fest is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. All dogs participating will receive a complimentary bandana, a dog goodie bag and a will have fun events to participate in. Dog owners are encouraged to bring their dogs for a day of fun, games, treats, exhibitors, and numerous demonstrations.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes and gift baskets that include pet massage, pet sitting, a two night stay at the Looking Glass Inn on the Oregon Coast, and a stay at the Hotel Monaco in Portland for the winner, a guest, and their dog. There are also numerous pet products and services up for grabs during the raffle. There will also be lots of free stuff and promotional giveaways.

For more information on Dog Fest '09, call the Marion County Dog Shelter at 503-566-6966 or visit the website: <a href="http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/DogControl/dogfest.htm">http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/DogControl/dogfest.htm</a>