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LICENSE AMNESTY EVENT TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY Dog Licenses and Low Cost Vaccinations Available

SALEM, OR – Do you have dog license late fees or license violations? Does your dog need her vaccinations? Is it time to purchase or renew your dog license? Well, for anyone who does, Marion County Dog Services will hold a Dog License Amnesty event on **Saturday, January 26** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Petco at Keizer Station in Keizer that will provide a one-stop shopping opportunity. The event will offer amnesty on late fees and license violations, as well as a low cost vaccination clinic.

Willamette Valley Animal Hospital will partner with Dog Services and provide the low-cost vaccinations for dogs. Rabies vaccinations will be offered for only \$2.00 to those who also purchase a second preventative vaccine. Rabies vaccinations without the second vaccine are \$10.00 and other low cost vaccinations being offered are Corona vaccinations \$10.00, DHLPP vaccinations \$10.00, and Bordatella vaccinations \$10.00.

"These events have proven to be very popular with the public," said Sonya Pulvers, office manager at Marion County Dog Shelter. "They offer a great opportunity for dog owners to license their dogs, which will help their dogs get home if they're lost, and to also get low cost vaccinations to keep their dogs healthy."

Licenses are \$17 a year for neutered or spayed dogs and \$32 for unaltered dogs. The license fee is spayed or neutered dogs owned by seniors 65 or older is \$5. Proof of neutering or spaying must be provided to receive the reduced fee or senior discount. Multi-year licenses are also available. 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. For more information, call (503) 588-5233.

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