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Marion County Dog Services Offers Amnesty, Licenses, and Low Cost Vaccinations

SALEM, OR - Marion County Dog Services will host a Dog License Amnesty event offering amnesty on late fees and license violations, as well as a low cost vaccination clinic. The event will be held at the **2nd Annual Howl-a-Palooza** event, **from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at Riverfront Park** at 200 Water Street in Salem.

Santiam Equine Veterinary Clinic will partner with dog services and provide low-cost vaccinations for dogs. **FREE rabies vaccinations will be offered to the first 250 who also purchase a second preventative vaccine**. Other low cost vaccinations being offered are DHPP vaccinations \$10.00 and Bordatella vaccinations \$10.00.

The 2nd Annual Howl-a-Palooza, is a resource and education event for Willamette Valley dog owners, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will offer demonstrations, prizes, and a dog costume contest.

"Lost dogs are brought to the dog shelter because they don't have a license or other form of identification," said Sonya Pulvers, office manager for Marion County Dog Services, and added "a dog license is one more tool that ensures a lost dog gets home sooner."

Licenses are \$17 a year for neutered or spayed dogs and \$32 for unaltered dogs. The license fee for 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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