

## Foster Care for the Dog Shelter

Thank you for your interest in fostering one of the many orphaned animals available at the Marion County Dog Shelter. By offering your time, energy, and home to an animal in need, you prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home as well as help prevent overcrowding in our shelter.

The Dog Shelter is always looking for more foster homes, especially throughout the busy spring and summer seasons.

Foster applications are available at our website:  
[www.MCDogs.net](http://www.MCDogs.net)

Foster Representative contact: Ashleigh  
Email: [MCDSfosterdogs@co.marion.or.us](mailto:MCDSfosterdogs@co.marion.or.us)



## Location & Hours

### License - In Person/Mail:

**Marion County Dog Services**  
3550 Aumsville Hwy. SE, Salem, OR 97317  
503-588-5233  
[www.MCDogs.net](http://www.MCDogs.net)

### Dog Services Hours:

#### Licensing, Lost Dogs Accepted/Returned and Adoptions\*

*Monday – Friday, noon to 6:00 p.m.*

*\*Adoptions after 5pm require appointments.*

*Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*\*Adoptions after 3pm require appointments.*

#### Enforcement (Field Officers)

*Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

### License - In person only:

*Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

#### M.C. Public Works

5155 Silverton Road NE, Salem, OR 97305

#### M.C. Community Service Department

555 Court St. NE, #3120, Salem, OR 97301



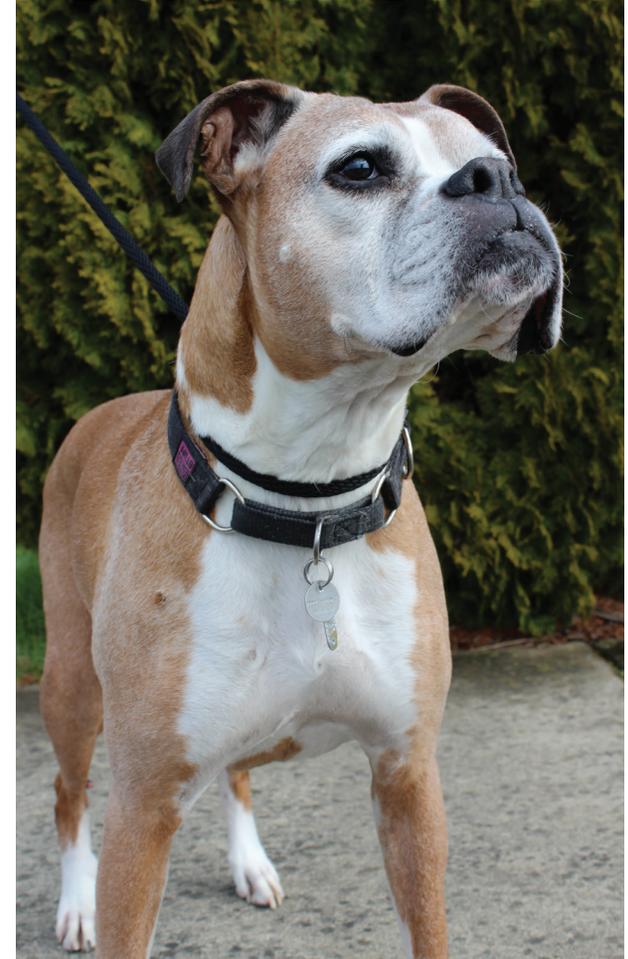
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## Why Become a Foster?

Providing a temporary home to a homeless dog is not only a rewarding experience, it saves LIVES. Marion County Dog Shelter depends on foster homes to provide care that is not possible or ideal in the shelter environment. That care can be as simple as socializing a puppy until they are old enough for adoption, to caring for a dog that is undergoing medical treatment, to providing training for an unsocialized dog. Some animals only need a home for the weekend and some for three months.

By offering your time, energy, love, and home to an animal in need, you help prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home, as well as prevent overcrowding in the shelter. The rewards are great and the time commitment is up to you.



## How Fostering Works



- Foster parents feed, groom, socialize, train, and medicate the animal during their stay in the foster home.
- Foster parents are responsible for providing food, water, time and tender loving care.
- While foster parents can adopt their foster animal, and are given first choice, we highly encourage serial foster parenting. It's addictive!
- Shelter adoption guidelines are followed at all times and shelter staff has final approval of all adoptions.
- Best of all the Dog Shelter covers the cost of food, medical and other essential supplies.

### Ready to get started?

Fill out an online foster application and our foster representative will contact you shortly.

## Foster Qualifications

- Foster parents must be able to provide a safe, loving, and suitable environment for the foster animal.
- Foster parents must be over 18 years of age.
- Experience with animal behavioral or medical issues is a plus, but is not necessary.
- Foster parents must be able to transport their foster animals to and from Marion County Dog Shelter.

