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Marion County Sponsoring Pet Food Collection Center at Dog Shelter

The Marion County Dog Shelter is hosting a pet food drive to help the Marion Polk Food Share meet the increasing need locally for emergency pet food.

According to Brian Haley of the Marion-Polk Food Share, this pet food drive is a great idea and very helpful for area families. "In Salem-Keizer, need is up 15%, with an average of 3,085 families a month needing the aid of an emergency food box. Quite often families receiving emergency food also struggle to provide quality food for their pets," he said. "A drive like this will definitely help ease the burdens of feeding beloved pets that families receiving food boxes face," he explained.

Marion County Dog Shelter will have a collection barrel at their facility, which is located at 3550 Aumsville Highway SE. The shelter is collecting dog food for the pet food drive. Salem Friends of Felines, located at 980 Commercial Street SE, will also have a collection barrel for both dog and cat food. All of the donations will be picked up weekly by the Marion Polk Food Share and distributed in emergency baskets to families with pets.

Acceptable donations include dry or canned pet foods and even torn bags.

For more information, call either the Marion County Dog Shelter at 503-566-6966 or Marion-Polk Food Share at 503-581-3855.

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