



Marion County OREGON

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Volunteers Sought for Dog Fest '08

Dog Fest 2008 will be held on Saturday, September 20 at Chemeketa Community College. Sponsored by the Marion County Dog Shelter, the event is a day of fun, games and prizes for dogs and their owners.

Because of the scope and complexity of this event, we are looking for community volunteers to help make this event a success. Plan to bring your well-behaved dog and volunteer for a shift. Then you and your dog can join the fun. In fact, you can volunteer to help even if you don't have a dog. Children seven years and older are also welcome to attend with adult volunteers as long as the adult can still perform his or her volunteer duties.

Volunteers can choose from two-hour shifts between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Many positions are available, including:

- Grounds Rover - Walk around the grounds and provide assistance to Dog Fest guests
- Registration Area Assistant - Collect entry fee and check in guests
- Dog Pool Attendant - Empty and fill the wading pools as needed for cleanliness
- Parking Patrol – Help in the parking area, direct people to check in
- Dog Activities Area – Help conduct dog (and owner) activities
- Raffle & Silent Auction – Staff the area selling raffle tickets and silent auction sheets
- License Booth - Assist staff at booth for dog licenses

The cost of admission is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. Volunteers and their dogs get in free. Participating dogs receive complimentary bandanas, a bag full of goodies and a certificate if they participate in the activities. Dog/owner activities include: a water retrieval game, where the canines fetch a tennis ball out of a pool and get to keep the ball, an agility course and a hide and seek game.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes that include a pet massage, pet sitting, and pet portraits. A silent auction will also take place for pet-related items and opportunities.

There will also be lots of free stuff, promotional giveaways, and demonstrations by Willamette Valley PAWS-Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Oregon Canine Search Teams.

For more information on volunteering for Dog Fest call 503-588-7990 or visit the website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/bs/vol>. Don't miss this fun opportunity for people and pets.

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