



Marion County OREGON

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Schedule for Dog Fest '08 Announced

Dog owners throughout the Willamette Valley are invited to bring their dog or dogs for a day of fun, games, treats, exhibitors, demonstrations and live, local entertainment. Dog Fest runs from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, at Chemeketa Community College. The purpose of Dog Fest 08 is to celebrate the dog/human relationship, provide education, raise funds for the Marion County Dog Shelter, and have fun.

The cost of admission is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. All dogs participating will receive a complimentary bandana, a goodie bag and a certificate for the events they participate in. Some of the events slated include a water retrieval game, where the canines will be fetching a tennis ball out of a pool. The Salem Tennis Club is generously donating all the tennis balls. Other activities include an agility course and a hide and seek game.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes and gift baskets that include pet massage, pet sitting, and pet portraits. A silent auction will also take place with great prizes. The silent auction items include a two night stay at the Looking Glass Inn on the Oregon Coast, and a stay at the Hotel Monaco in Portland for the winning bidder, a guest, and their dog. There are also numerous pet products and services up for grabs during the raffle.

There will also be lots of free stuff and promotional giveaways.

The demonstration schedule is:

- 10:00 a.m.: Therapy Dogs: How dogs help people in nursing homes and how they are trained.
- 11:00 a.m.: Canine Good Citizenship: What it takes to acquire this certificate and be deemed a well-behaved dog
- 12:00 p.m.: The Last Chance Club: Local veterinarian Arlene Brooks will speak about this organization and recent medical rescue cases.
- 1:00 p.m.: The Joys of Living Assistance Dogs demonstration
- 2:00 p.m.: Oregon Canine Search Teams: With audience participation, they will demonstrate how search dogs find people.

- 3:00 p.m. Winners of the silent auction and raffles will be announced!

Special thanks to the sponsors and exhibitors of Dog Fest '08. They include: Hotel Monaco, Looking Glass Inn, PetSense, Soapy Paws, Salem Friends of Felines, Planet Dog Foundation, The Pixie Project, Luka's Loving Touch, Columbia River Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, Fetch Pet Care, The Gourmet Pup, Everything Pawsible, Banfield Pet Hospital, ASPCA, All Breed Dog Boarding, Merial, Designer Dog Wear, Heavenly Wings Pet Cremation, Jill Reneae Studios, K.A.R.E.S., The Pet Nana, Picture Perfect Pooches, Pup in a Tub, Happy Tails Dog Grooming, Emery & Sons, and Sweeney Promotions.

For more information on Dog Fest '08, please call the Marion County Dog Shelter at 503-566-6966.

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