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**Limited Services Offered This Saturday at the Shelter**  
**Dog Shelter Staff Prepare For Dog Fest 2008**

This Saturday, September 20, the Marion County Dog Shelter will be open regular hours; however will not be performing adoptions. Staff and adoptable dogs will all be across town at Chemeketa Community College for Dog Fest 2008. Dog Fest runs from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. this Saturday.

The shelter manager, dog control officers, veterinary & shelter technicians, and administrative staff will be on hand to help the event run smoothly by assisting with dog activities, grounds maintenance, safety, showing adoptable dogs, and operating a dog license amnesty booth.

The shelter will be open for dropping off stray dogs, looking for a lost dog, and licensing a dog. However, the shelter will not be doing any adoptions that day. "We hope people looking for well behaved, adoptable dogs will come to Dog Fest," said Shelter Manager Allison Barrows. "We will have many adoptable dogs at the event," she said.

The cost of admission for Dog Fest is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. All dogs participating will receive a complimentary bandana, a dog goodie bag and a certificate for the events they participate in. Some of the events slated include a water retrieval game, an agility course and a hide and seek game. Dog owners are encouraged to bring their dogs for a day of fun, games, treats, exhibitors, demonstrations and live, local entertainment.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes and gift baskets that include pet massage, pet sitting, and pet portraits. There will also be a "Big Dog" raffle for items that 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 winner, 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.

There will be an opportunity for immunizations for dogs as well as licensing amnesty. Dr. Terry Gerros will be at Dog Fest providing vaccinations and microchipping. Prices for these services include: Rabies - \$10; Distemper/Parvo - \$10; Bordatella - \$10; Puppy Distemper/Parvo/Corona - \$15. Dr. Gerros is also offering microchipping for \$55 and if purchased, will discount \$5 off the cost of a vaccine.

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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