



Marion County OREGON

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October is National “Adopt a Shelter Dog” Month

Have you been searching for a loyal, lifelong companion? This may very well be the month for you to find that special someone. Marion County Dog Shelter is encouraging those who are in search of the perfect pet to consider adopting a dog during October, National “Adopt a Shelter Dog” month sponsored by the ASPCA.

Marion County Dog Shelter considers dog ownership a lifetime commitment – a lifetime of food, water, companionship and love. Today’s shelter dogs are more adoptable than ever before due to temperament testing and the providing of basic health care. When selecting a dog, keep these factors in mind:

- Size and space requirements
- Activity levels
- Fur factor
- Trainability
- Dominance

The cost of adopting a pet from Marion County Dog Shelter is \$85.00 - \$175.00 depending on the age and size of the dog. Included in the dog adoption package is: spay/neuter procedure (if needed), veterinarian's “Nose to Tail” health exam, first vaccination, microchip, dog license, and Welcome Home Kit.

You can view adoptable dogs at <http://mcdogs.net>. Marion County Dog Shelter is open for adoptions 10 a.m. –5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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Advantages of adopting a shelter dog:

- Most shelter dogs are adults and...
 - Most are already housebroken

- Many have better obedience, some training, socialization, know some tricks
 - Often are accustomed to cats and other dogs
 - May be used to walking on a leash
 - Puppies get special care to make sure they're healthy
 - You're giving a lost, injured, abandoned dog a second chance at a good life
 - You're helping to support the county's dog control program and shelter
- All our dogs leave the shelter spayed or neutered (puppies under 3 months leave with an agreement to spay or neuter)
 - Helps control dog population
 - Reduces number of unwanted/mistreated pets
- Our prices are reasonable, considering all that's included:
 - Pre-adoption medical evaluation by our DVM, and medical care as needed
 - Initial vaccinations, including rabies
 - 1-year license
 - Microchip
 - Sample bag of Science Diet food
 - Free nose-to-tail exam at any of our numerous local participating vets
- Adoption process
 - All dogs are evaluated for temperament before being cleared for adoption
 - All prospective adopters receive adoption counseling from our staff or a trained volunteer, who
 - Make sure the dog and family (including other pets) are a good fit for each other
 - Provide info about proper dog care, feeding, special needs, and the expense and responsibilities that come with dog ownership
 - We verify with landlords that renters may have dogs
 - An officer may check the new home to make sure fencing, running space, etc. are appropriate for the dog
 - Discharge packet includes all the dog's records and any special instructions

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