



Marion County
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Marion County Sponsoring Pet Food Collection Center at Dog Shelter

The Marion County Dog Shelter is continuing to host 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 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 percent, 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. "In the past year we collected 3,895 pounds of pet food from Marion County Dog Shelter and 328 pounds from Salem Friends of Felines," he added.

Marion County Dog Shelter has 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 are picked up weekly by 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.

People in need of emergency pet food are urged to go to ARCHES at 1164 Madison Street NE in Salem. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, on donating call either the Marion County Dog Shelter at 503-566-6966 or Marion-Polk Food Share at 503-581-3855. For information on assistance, call ARCHES at 503-399-9080.

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