



Marion County OREGON

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Volunteers Sought for Dog Fest '09

Dog Fest 2009 will be held on Saturday, September 12, at Chemeketa Community College from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Many positions are available, including:

- Registration Area Assistant - Collect entry fee and check in guests
- Dog Activities Area – Help conduct dog (and owner) activities
- Raffle – Staff the area selling raffle tickets and silent auction sheets
- Contests – Help conduct dog (and owner) contests
- Outreach Booth – Share information and answer questions about the dog shelter

The cost of admission is free for humans and \$3 for dogs. Volunteers and their dogs get in free. Participating dogs receive complimentary bandanas and a bag full of goodies. Prizes will be given for: best costume, best look alike (looks most like their owner), best trick, biggest dog and littlest dog. Winners will be decided by audience cheer. Other dog events available are an agility course and a water retrieval game, both very popular events at last year's Dog Fest.

There will be a raffle for dozens of prizes including a weekend getaway to Lincoln City. There will also be lots of free stuff, promotional giveaways, and demonstrations by Salem Police Department K-9 Unit, Joys of Living Assistance Dogs, Search and Rescue, therapy dogs, general dog training and more.

For more information on volunteering for Dog Fest call 503-365-3177 or visit the website: <http://www.mcdogs.net>. Don't miss this fun opportunity for people and pets.

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