

# Marion County Dog Services

Public Safety Coordination Council –  
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# What We Do at the Dog Shelter



**Safety  
Enforcement  
Shelter & Care  
Engagement**

# Marion County Dog Codes

(Limited Enforcement)

# Dog Services Purpose

ORS 609

County Code -6.05.020

To protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and citizens of Marion County through a dog licensing program and through the regulation and control of dogs.

# Dog Services Purpose

ORS 609

County Code-6.05.060

Licensing services for all dogs with permanent canine teeth or is six months old (which ever occurs first) or within 30 days of becoming an owner or keeper of a dog in Marion County.

# Dog Services Purpose

ORS 609

County Code-6.05.110

Adoption or  
alternative care  
release of  
unredeemed dogs.

# Dog Services Purpose

ORS 609

County Code-6.05.300

Registration services for animal rescue entities that have:

- a. legal custody of 10 or more animals
- b. solicit or collect donations.

# Dog Services Purpose

ORS 609

County Code-6.10

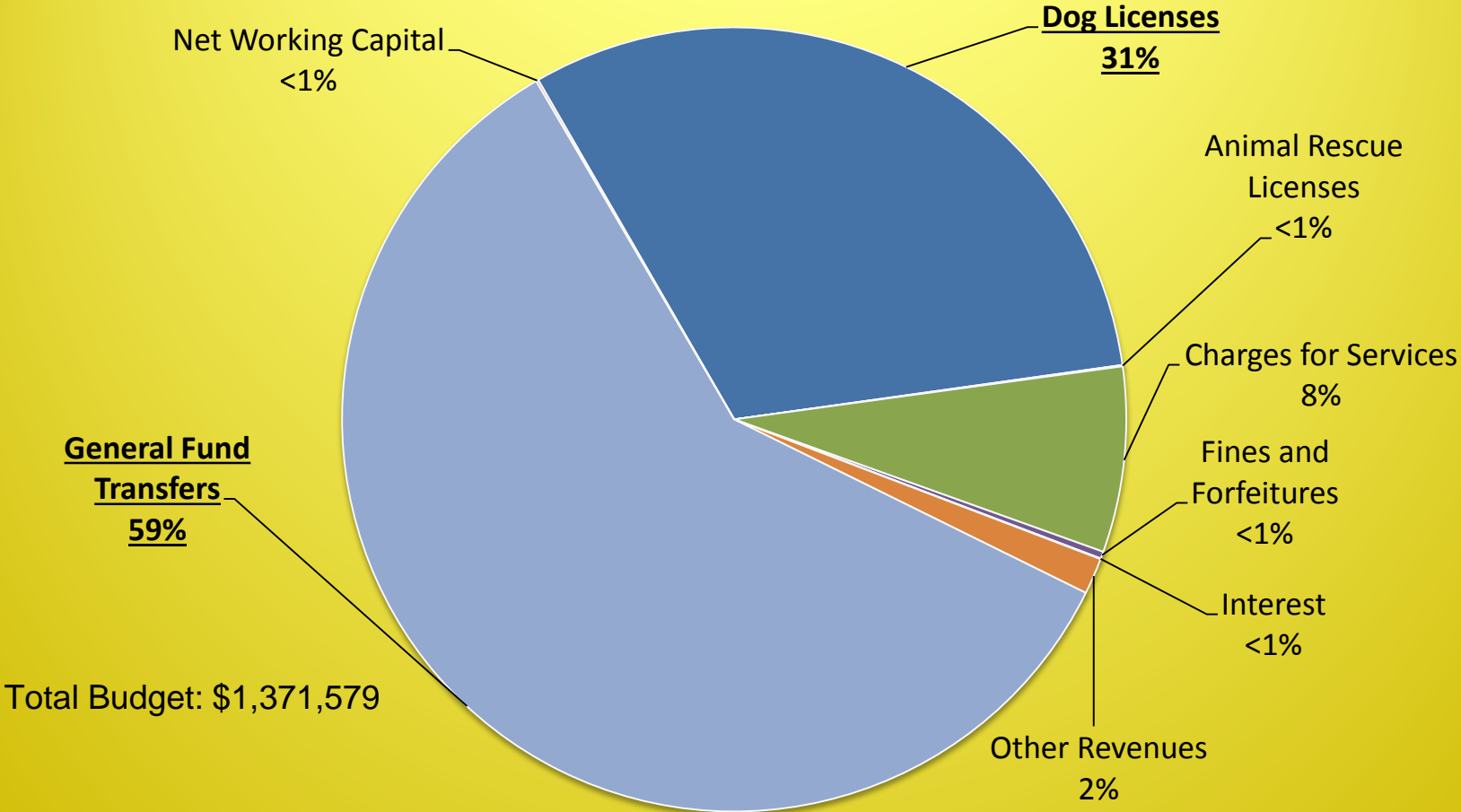
Dog Control Hearings



# MCDS has two Dog Control Officers for all of Marion County!



# FY 16-17 Dog Shelter Budget Resources



Each year – we shelter around 1,800 lost dogs





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According to the American  
Veterinary Medical Foundation,  
there are approximately 75,000  
dogs in Marion County!

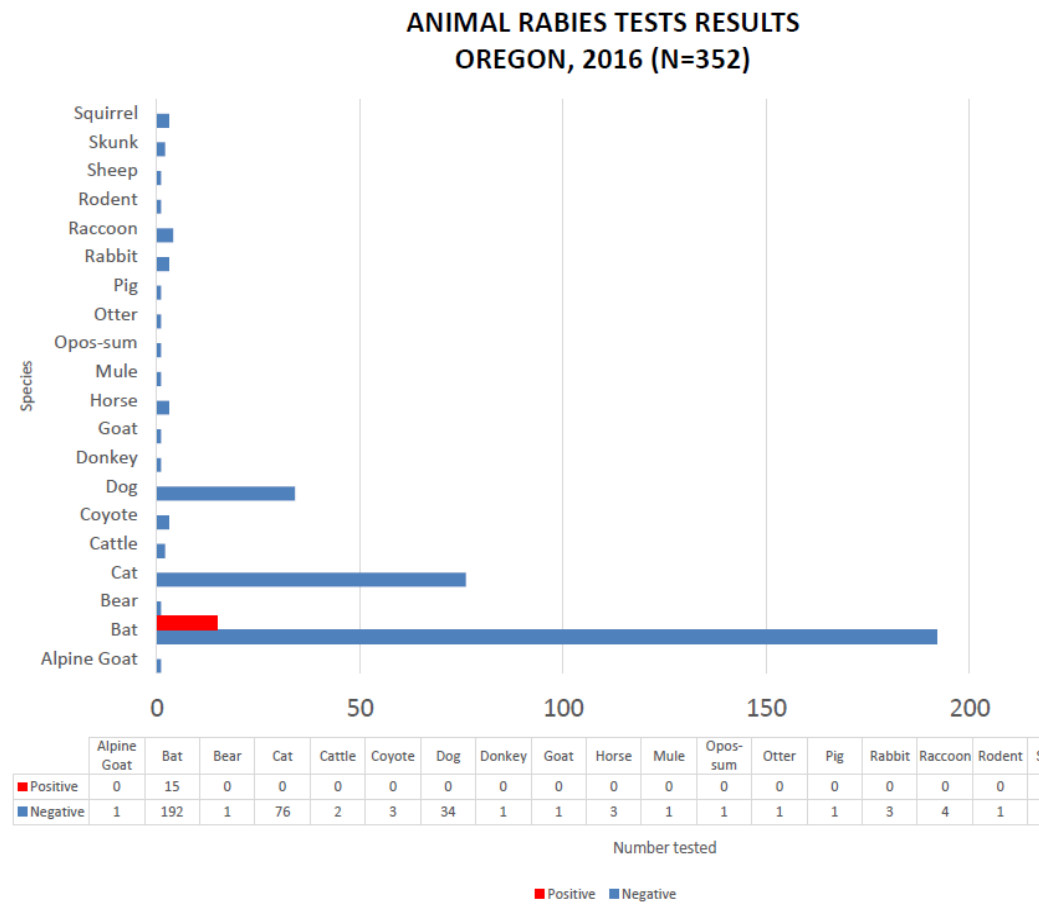
**Of those...only 22,000 are licensed.**

# Safety

Priority # 1



# Rabies in Oregon is on the rise!



Out of 14 cases reported in Marion County only one tested positive...but that is one too many!

County of Residence	Negative	Positive	Unsatisfactory	Total
BAKER	1	0	0	1
BENTON	47	1	0	48
CLACKAMAS	26	2	0	28
CLATSOP	9	0	1	10
COLUMBIA	2	0	0	2
COOS	3	0	0	3
CROOK	2	0	0	2
CURRY	0	1	0	1
DESCHUTES	19	1	0	20
DOUGLAS	15	1	0	16
GRANT	1	0	0	1
HARNEY	3	0	0	3
HOOD RIVER	1	0	0	1
JACKSON	20	2	0	22
JEFFERSON	2	0	0	2
JOSEPHINE	9	3	0	12
KLAMATH	7	0	0	7
LAKE	42	1	0	43
LANE	10	0	0	10
LINCOLN	10	0	1	11
LINN	14	2	0	16
MALHEUR	3	0	0	3
MARION	13	1	0	14
MULTNOMAH	27	0	2	29
POLK	9	0	0	9
TILLAMOOK	2	0	0	2
UNION	1	0	0	1
WALLOWA	1	0	0	1
WASCO	1	0	0	1
WASHINGTON	19	0	1	20
YAMHILL	12	0	0	12

# Preventing Rabies

- ORS 433.365 Inoculation against rabies
- Safety – AVMA states that rabies remains a major concern worldwide, killing more than 55,000 people every year
- Rabies inoculation of dogs reduces the risk of the virus spreading to humans

A Rabies  
Vaccination  
is required for all  
Marion County Dog  
Licenses.





Some dogs enter  
the shelter after  
biting other  
animals...  
or even people!



# QUARANTINE NOTICE

MARION COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
PO BOX 13309 SALEM OR 97309-1309  
750 FRONT ST NE SALEM OR 97301

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Control or Shelter Number \_\_\_\_\_

It has been reported to this office that on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, owned by you bit \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ and broke the skin.

As per ORS 433.340 – 433.390 the laws of the State of Oregon require that the animal be confined in quarantine for a period of ten (10) days, whether or not the animal has valid rabies shots. You may keep the animal confined on your property but please do not allow it to come in contact with other people or animals during the quarantine period. It must not be removed from the premises without consent of a Public Health Sanitarian. Should the animal become ill or die within this 10-day period, please notify this office immediately at 503-588-5346.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE ANIMAL RECEIVE RABIES SHOTS, BE KILLED OR GIVEN AWAY DURING THIS QUARANTINE PERIOD.**

The law requires a Public Health Sanitarian to release from quarantine animals that have caused either a serious bite or a bite on the neck or head. If the bite falls into this category or the animal does not have valid rabies shots, a Sanitarian will be out to view your animal.

**DO NOT RELEASE THE ANIMAL FROM QUARANTINE WITHOUT A SANITARIAN'S PERMISSION.**

- Animal has valid rabies shots and the bite was below victim's shoulder. Owner can release the animal on \_\_\_\_\_, if animal is healthy.
- Animal caused a serious bite to the victim's neck or head. A Public Health Sanitarian will release the animal on \_\_\_\_\_. This applies whether or not the animal has valid rabies shots.
- Animal caused a serious bite and does not have valid rabies shots. A Public Health Sanitarian will release the animal on \_\_\_\_\_.

If this animal **does have current rabies shots** and we do not have that information, please call 503-588-5346 as soon as possible with license number and/or vet's name and address.

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(for Health Department use)

Rabies shots current per owner contact \_\_\_\_ Shots date/tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's name/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal viewed this date \_\_\_\_\_, appears to be:

\_\_\_\_ healthy (or) \_\_\_\_ not healthy, and indicates: \_\_\_\_ release (or) \_\_\_\_ further quarantine.

By: \_\_\_\_\_, REHS Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Biting dogs are placed in "bite quarantine" for 10 days.

*Which we do on behalf of Marion County Environmental Health Dept.*



Some dogs are just too dangerous to place back into our community... and they are responsibly euthanized.



We assist law enforcement in dog abuse and neglect cases which can result in lengthy investigations but mostly, these cases are done by police.





Some of these dogs are held for a good portion of a year awaiting trial.



# Enforcement

Priority #2

# Dogs running at large and other citations

Case Nos. 16-4216 & 4217  
 MCDC Case No. 16-3197

## HEARINGS OFFICER ORDER AND DISPOSITION

Name [REDACTED]  
 Last First Middle  
 Mailing address: [REDACTED] Chemawa Road N, Keizer, OR 97303

DOG NAME: <u>Maiya</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	BREED: Husky mix Rottweiler mix	COLOR: Gray & white Black and tan
LICENSE#:	AGE: Adult Adult	SEX: Female Male

MCC 6.05	Disposition	Reason	Civil Penalty
MCC 6.05.050 Nuisance A. Dog running at large	For MCDC	Maiya and <u>[REDACTED]</u> were off their keeper's property on December 12, 2016 with no keeper exercising command, control or restraint over them.	\$100.00 (\$50.00 per infraction)
MCC 6.05.050 Nuisance E. Trespass	For Keeper	MCDC did not meet the burden of proving Maiya and <u>[REDACTED]</u> were on private property of another without privilege or consent on December 12, 2016. The trespass portions of infraction notices 4216 and 4217 are dismissed.	\$ None
MCC 6.05.060 Licensing I. Failure to license	For keeper	<u>[REDACTED]</u> was licensed prior to hearing. Maiya was licensed as required by the hearings officer. The licensing portions of infraction notices 4216 and 4217 are dismissed.	\$ None

TOTAL CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED \$ 100.00  
 OTHER FEE (\$) IMPOSED \$ None

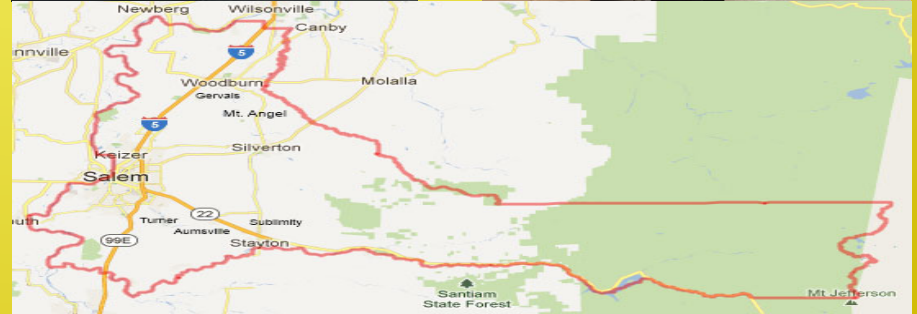
HEARING FEE IMPOSED: \$25.00  
**TOTAL FEES AND PENALTIES: \$125.00**

EVIDENCE/TESTIMONY/ FINDINGS/CIVIL PENALTIES/CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:  
 Marion County Dog Control (MCDC) Officer Linsey Ober, MCDC witness [REDACTED] and keeper [REDACTED] appeared at the February 9, 2017 hearing. Under MCC 6.05.030, a keeper is a person who has responsibility for a dog. [REDACTED]



# Dog Control Officer Coverage

- Dog Control Officers cover all of Marion County except for the Woodburn city limits (they have their own community enforcement)
- Officer Karen Hilfiker - South County  
Officer Linsey Ober – North County
- Dog Control Officers are available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm
- Local law enforcement has access to the dog shelter after hours





# Dropping Dogs off at MCDS after hours:



# Dog Licensing is Vital to Enforcement Efforts

- Helps keep the community safe - rabies inoculation is required with each license.
- Returns lost dogs to their owners ASAP!
- About 55% of lost dogs are returned to their owners within the first week



**Only 30% of dogs are estimated to be licensed in the county!**

# Shelter and Care

Priority #3

# Medical and Technician Services

- Daily care and feeding
- In-house medical treatment is provided to all shelter dogs
- Specialty medical treatment, as needed
- Behavioral enrichment programs are available for most dogs





# Dog Enrichment and Placement Services



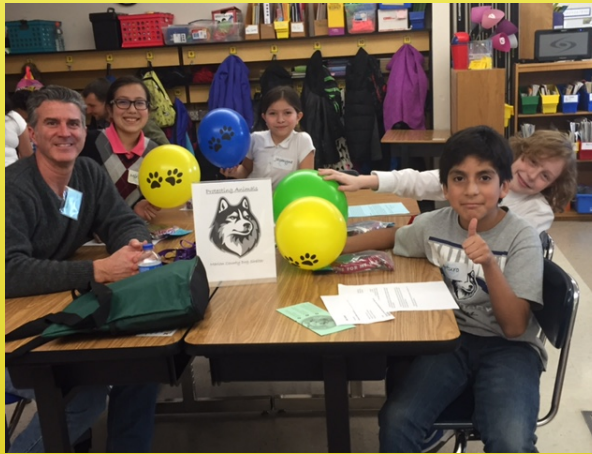
- Volunteers provide important services to the dogs in our care
- Adoption – 20% to 25% of dogs are released from the shelter
- Rescues & Fostering – 15% of dogs



# Community Engagement

Priority #4

# Dog Service's Role in the Community



Did you know the event is to help the Pacific Falls have everyone agreed to an overflow parking area, much to their parking will be available. The anniversary party will include...



# Community Based Licensing



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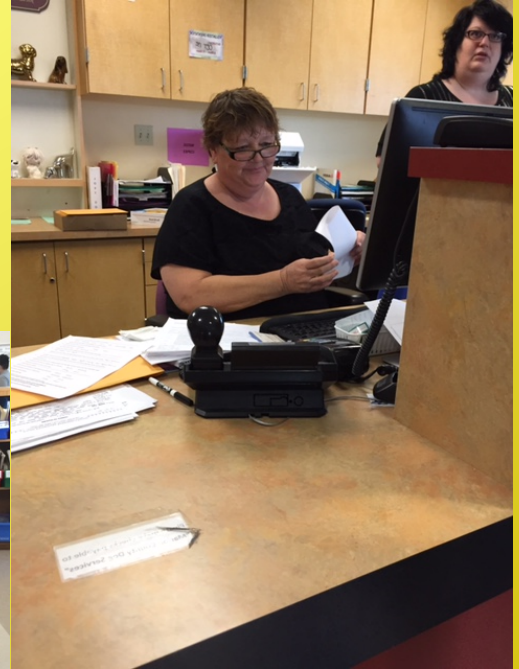
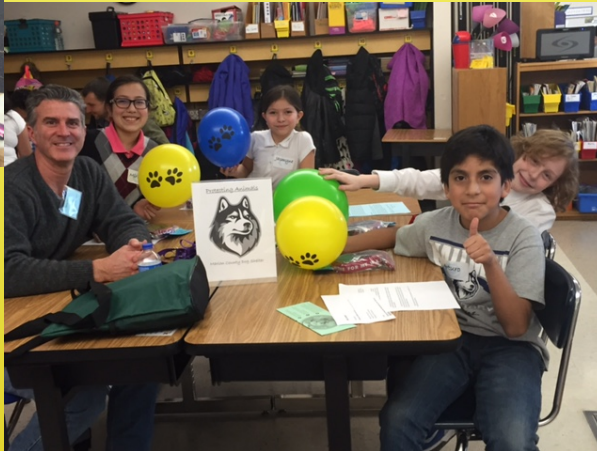
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Salem Fairgrounds



# Public Education through Dog Licensing



# Future Opportunities

2017-2018

# Dog Licensing and Public Access – What's Coming



New Animal Management Software



Online Access for Licensing



Community-based Licensing Locations

# How Can I Help?



Licensing  
Promotion  
(providing MCDS  
information and  
helping us educate  
public)



Community Based  
Licensing  
Partnership  
(city halls, etc.)



Local Community  
Education  
(Newspapers and  
utility bills)



Community  
Awareness  
(e-mail, message  
boards & social  
media)







Questions???

Thank you!