

MARION COUNTY

Dog Services: Foster Care Department



Events:

Pet Adoption Event - Fred Meyers
May 4th. 10am - 1pm

Adoption Ambassador
May 5th. 3pm - 5pm

Saturday Market Event
May 11th 9am - 3pm

Crate Training 101
May 12th 10am - 11:30am

Foster Pack Walk
May 19th 1pm - 3pm

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Tasha Huebner

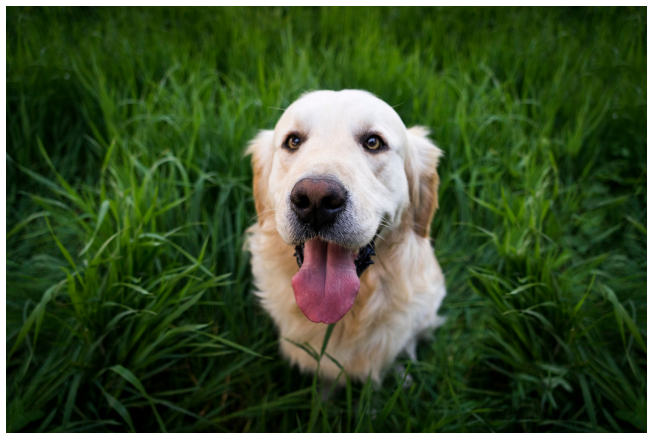
Congratulations to Tasha H., nominated and chosen as the April 2019 Marion County Dog Services Foster Parent of the Month. Tasha most recently fostered Aster, working through some basic manners training and crate training. Tasha took excellent pictures of her foster dog and helped to write a great bio which generated multiple of adoption interest. She spent several hours screening and picked the best fitting home for Ms. Aster. Tasha is a committed, consistent, and involved volunteer with a positive impact on shelter visitors, animals, and staff. We really appreciate Tasha's efforts and most importantly, the life saving contributions to the homeless dogs of Marion County.

YOUR 3-MINUTE GUIDE TO TAKING PICTURES OF DOGS

by Sophie Gamand

WHY IS A GREAT PHOTO SO IMPORTANT?

A picture is the first thing people will see when searching for a dog online. Yes, meeting a dog in-person at adoption events and street fairs makes a huge difference and can often lead people to fall in love. But when that's not a possibility, or the pup needs a promotion boost, photography is an incredibly helpful tool. Use social media to post some pictures of your foster dog in order to get the word out! Sometimes taking pictures of wiggly, adorable dogs is a challenge; be patient, you can do it.



"Embrace your materials and make the best of what you have available. You may not have the best photo gear or the ideal environment, but that shouldn't stop you from making your dog shine."

BASIC TIPS & TRICKS

- > Take many digital pictures - it can take dozens of pics to get one or two good ones!
- > Pictures taken outside in natural light tend to be better than those taken with flash (no more "vampire eyes"!)
- > Use treats or a squeaky toy to grab the dog's attention. Sometimes, making a "brrrrr" noise or a "meow" does the trick, too.
- > Take pictures of your foster dog doing real life stuff, being a real life dog
- > Exercise the dog before taking pictures; a calmer dog is easier to photograph.
- > Use filters and funny props!
- > Have fun, and be patient. Allow at least 15-30 minutes to get a couple good photos, since the dog might need time to relax in his position. Sometimes, a great shot happens quickly; but don't be upset if it takes a few tries!
- > Post on social media, and tag the shelter in it! We have a Facebook and Instagram account. We use the tag #MCDS and #adoptable[insertdognamehere]

MONTHLY STATISTICS

35

Dogs went to foster in the month of April

13

Days was the average length of stay for a dog in a foster care home for the month of April.

17

New foster care providers joined us in the month of April.



Interested in volunteering for one of these events? Email Janice at Jjenkins@co.marion.or.us or 503-316-6690

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 5TH

Adoption Ambassador Training: Learn more skills on adoption counseling, writing bios and taking pictures! 3pm - 5pm

May 12th

Crate Training 101: Join us for a hands-on seminar on training your foster dog to love the crate! 10am - 11:30am

May 19th

Foster Pack Walk: Chat with other foster parents while doing something we love - spending time with shelter dogs! 1pm - 3pm

OUTREACH EVENTS

May 4th

Fred Meyer: Pet Adoption Event 10am - 1pm

May 11th

Saturday Market 9am - 3pm

May 18th

Petsmart National Adoption Event

