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## **FALL IN LOVE WITH A SHELTER DOG THIS FALL**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Oct. 25, 2011) – It's the last week of Adopt a Shelter Dog month, but the entire season of fall is a great time to bring home a new canine member to your family. Adopted dogs have tons of energy, and the cooler fall weather makes spending extra time outside bonding with your new pooch much more enjoyable. Introducing your new dog to your home before the hectic holiday season will give him or her a chance to settle in, get to know the family and get a good start on housebreaking before the holidays.

But did you know that some dogs at the Animal Center are already housebroken? Many of the more than 6,000 dogs that come to the Animal Center every year are surrendered by their owners for financial or housing reasons. These dogs are often already trained and housebroken and can almost seamlessly make themselves at home in your family.

The Animal Center has all types of dogs, including terriers, beagles, shepherds, dachshunds and Chihuahuas, as well as some of the most delightful mixed-breeds you've ever met. Whether you're looking for a lazy lapwarmer or a super-size jogging buddy, you can find a new forever friend by visiting the Animal Center or browsing the adoptable dogs online. Visit [www.marioncountyfl.org/animalservices.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/animalservices.htm) to search for dogs currently available or "like" Animal Services on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/marioncountyanimalservices](http://www.facebook.com/marioncountyanimalservices) for exclusive content, updates and photos.

Dogs are available for adoption for \$40, which includes their spay/neuter surgery, county license, vaccinations and microchip. The Animal Center is open Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, please call 352-671-8700 or visit the Animal Center at 5701 SE 66th St., Ocala.

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