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Newport Challenges Lincoln City to Holiday Food and Pet Food Drive Competition; All Donations Benefit Food Share of Lincoln County and Lincoln County Animal Shelter

The City of Newport has issued a friendly challenge to Lincoln City with a holiday food and pet food drive to benefit Lincoln County Food Share and Lincoln County Animal Shelter. The competition will begin Monday, Dec. 9 and last through the end of the month, and all community members are encouraged join in to help assist the community throughout the holiday season.

Those wishing to help Newport outpace Lincoln City are encouraged to drop off their donations at any of the following Newport locations: City Hall, Recreation Center, 60+ Activity Center, Newport Public Library, Fire Station, and the Public Works shop.

“Our Newport team members have truly embraced the holiday spirit by finding ways to give back and benefit the community, and I am proud that we are supporting Food Share of Lincoln County and Lincoln County Animal Shelter. These organizations provide vital resources for so many in the coastal region, especially around the holidays and in the winter months,” Newport City Manager Nina Vetter said. “This year we thought it would be fun to get all of our departments involved, and issue a friendly challenge up the coast. The only difference with this type of competition is no matter what happens, everyone wins.”

Food Share of Lincoln County distributes over 1 million pounds of food each year through seven pantries located throughout the county. They also provide assistance in the form of food and other donated items to local partner agencies, allowing those agencies to use their funds to support more communities.

Lincoln County Animal Shelter is the only animal shelter in the county. Among its numerous services, it aims to provide an enriching environment to the animals in their care, pet adoption services, and pet retention programs to help pets stay with their families. Many of the animals in their care are dogs found running at large and animals recovered by law enforcement.

Since 2021, many of Newport’s city departments have held internal food drive competitions which have produced nearly three and a half tons of food donations, and over 660 lbs. of pet food donations.

Donation and competition updates will be provided throughout December on the City of Newport’s official social media channels - @NewportOre on Facebook and @CityOfNewportOR on Instagram.

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