

# News Release

**Ilene Shapiro – Summit County Executive**  
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## **Summit County to host “Dogtober” adoption event throughout October**

The County of Summit will host Dogtober, a special adoption event, from Monday, October 7, 2019 to November 2, 2019, at the Summit County Animal Control Facility, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in Downtown Akron. The event is sponsored by Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise.

Dogs and cats will be made available for adoption from the Division of Animal Control for the discounted price of \$5 per cat and \$25 per dog. The price of a dog includes an \$18 Summit County dog license. Cats are regularly \$60 and dogs are \$94 plus an \$18 dog license. All animals are fully vetted (blood work, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay/neuter and vaccinations) and ready to be taken home that day.

“This year, I am excited to announce that we have decided to expand our traditional fall adopt-a-thon into the month long “Dogtober” to help more animals find homes and more families find loving pets. The Division of Animal Control continues to demonstrate their commitment to animal care and adoption awareness,” said Executive Shapiro. “I encourage families in Summit County to *fall* in love with an animal and give it a forever home.”

Individuals who adopt a dog will receive a 2019 dog license at the time of adoption. They will then have the opportunity to pick up a complimentary 2020 dog license from Animal Control when they become available. Ohio law requires that dog licenses are to be renewed from December 1 through January 31 or within thirty days of acquiring a new dog. Puppies must be licensed by the time they reach three months of age.

“My office looks forward to working with the Division of Animal Control during the adoption event, to ensure that every adopted dog leaves with a current county dog license”, said Fiscal Officer Scalise. “A Summit County dog license will help them return home quickly if they are ever lost, stolen, or run away.”

Individuals are also encouraged to donate dog or cat food for the animals housed at the shelter during Dogtober. For more information, contact the Summit County Division of Animal Control

at 330-643-2845. To view photos of adoptable animals, visit [facebook.com/Summit-County-Animal-Control-593036477426733/](https://www.facebook.com/Summit-County-Animal-Control-593036477426733/) or [payitforwardforpets.org](http://payitforwardforpets.org).

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