

News Release

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County dog licenses go on sale December 1

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County dog licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. The cost for a single year license is \$18, a three-year license is \$54 and a permanent license is \$180. If a lost dog is brought to Summit County Animal Control wearing a license tag, staff can find the owner quickly and reunite family and pet. If a citizen finds a lost dog and it is wearing a license tag, they can go to the County website at <http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing/dog-search> and type in the license number find the dog's owner information.

“We offer several convenient ways to purchase a 2020 dog license. Pet owners can pay online, by mail, or in-person at one of 20 neighborhood locations, including local license bureaus, pet shops and hardware stores,” said Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise. “A county dog license will provide legal proof of ownership and keep you in compliance with Ohio law.”

The Ohio Revised Code requires citizens who own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age to purchase a county dog license. Kennel owners must also renew their licenses during the same time period; the cost is \$80 per license. Dog license renewal applications will be mailed beginning December 1, 2019. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2020 deadline will be required to pay an \$18 late fee. Summit County Animal Control will mail complimentary 2020 dog licenses to individuals who adopted a dog during the “Dogtober” adoption event.

“The purchase of a dog license is extremely important in providing for the care of lost and abandoned animals at the County’s Animal Control Facility,” said Executive Ilene Shapiro. “If your dog is ever lost and taken to the facility, a dog license will quickly identify you as the owner and the income we receive from license sales is used to feed and provide medical care to your dog.”

Dog owners may purchase licenses at the following county government office buildings:

- County of Summit Division of Animal Control, 250 Opportunity Parkway, Akron
- County of Summit Services Department, 1030 E. Tallmadge Avenue, Akron

To apply online for a dog license, to find additional locations to purchase a license or for more information, visit <http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing> or call 330-630-7226.

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