



News Release

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Summit County to Hold Can Do! Dog Licensing Program at Acme Fresh Market Locations

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise will partner with Acme Fresh Markets to host Can Do!, a one-day event to provide amnesty to Summit County dog owners who have not yet purchased a 2019 dog license. At the event, dog owners who failed to renew their dog's license by January 31 will have their \$18 late fee waived by donating a can of dog food to the County of Summit Division of Animal Control.

Summit County dog owners can take advantage of the Can Do! program from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following Acme Fresh Market stores: Acme #1 - 1835 W. Market St., State Road Acme - 2226 State Rd., Ellet Acme - 2420 Wedgewood Dr., and Portage Lakes Acme - 3235 Manchester Rd. Event participants should bring cash or a check in the amount of \$18 for the license fee and at least one can of dog food in lieu of the additional \$18 late fee. Participants with multiple dogs should bring the license fee and a can of dog food for each unlicensed dog.

“In the event a beloved dog is lost or injured away from its home, maintaining a license is vital for ensuring its safe return to its owner” said Executive Shapiro. “The Can Do! event is a fantastic

opportunity for pet owners to renew their licenses and donate food to Summit County's shelter animals in lieu of paying a late fee. Thanks to Acme Fresh Market's willingness to partner with the County, we are able to ensure that the pets at our animal shelter are properly fed while awaiting redemption by their owner or adoption."

The Ohio Revised Code and Summit County Ordinances require citizens who own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age to purchase a county dog license on an annual basis. In addition to complying with the law, county-issued dog licenses provide legal proof of ownership and identification if a pet is lost.

"Maintaining a current dog license is important for your pet's safety and well-being," said Fiscal Officer Scalise CPA, CFE. "The Can Do! event provides a great opportunity to get a 2019 dog license if you forgot to purchase one during the annual renewal period."

The Summit County Division of Animal Control Facility, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in Akron, offers affordable and unique adoption opportunities. The cost to adopt a dog is \$94, while the cost to adopt a cat is \$60. Adoption fees include blood work, flea treatments, intestinal deworming, a license (if necessary), a spay/neuter operation, and vaccinations.

For more information on the Summit County Division of Animal Control, please visit: <https://www.co.summit.oh.us/index.php/departments/administrative-services/animal-control>.

To learn more about dog licensing, please visit: <https://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing> or call 330-630-7226.

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