

# News Release

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## **Dogtober adoption event results in placement of 187 cats and dogs**

Throughout the month of October, Summit County Division of Animal Control hosted Dogtober, a special discount adoption event, sponsored by County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise. The monthlong event was made possible with the assistance of facility staff and volunteers who aided new pet owners in the adoption process.

A total of 91 dogs and 96 cats were adopted during the event. Adoption prices were discounted to \$5 per cat and \$25 per dog. The price of a dog included an \$18 Summit County dog license. Cats are regularly \$60 and dogs are \$94 plus an \$18 dog license. All animals were fully vetted (blood work, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay/neuter and vaccinations) and ready to be taken home the same day.

“Thank you to our staff and volunteers who made this event possible and thank you to every person who adopted a cat or dog,” said Executive Shapiro. “By extending our traditional fall adoption event to the entire month of October, dozens of cats and dogs now have forever homes and we increased awareness about pet adoption in Summit County.”

Individuals who adopted a dog received a 2019 dog license at the time of adoption. They will have the opportunity to pick up a complimentary 2020 dog license from Animal Control when they become available. Ohio law requires dog licenses 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. Funds generated from the sale of dog licenses are used to feed, house and vaccinate animals at the facility.

“I was happy to work with the Division of Animal Control again this year, to ensure every adopted dog left with a County dog tag,” said Fiscal Officer Scalise. “It’s important for all dogs in Summit County to maintain a current dog tag, to help keep them safe if they are ever lost or run away.”

For more information, contact the Summit County Division of Animal Control at 330-643-2845.

To view photos of adoptable animals visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Animal-Shelter/Summit-County-Animal-Control-593036477426733/>.

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