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Fall Adopt-A-Thon Results in the Placement of 87 Animals

The Fall Summit County Animal Control Adopt-A-Thon, sponsored by County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise, was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The event was made possible with the assistance of facility staff and volunteers who worked the event and assisted new pet owners with the adoption process.

Adoption prices were discounted to \$10 per animal (regularly \$94 per dog, \$60 per cat). All animals were fully vetted (blood work, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay/neuter and vaccinations) and taken home Saturday. All citizens who adopted a canine were required to purchase an \$18 Summit County Dog License. Funds generated from the sale of dog licenses, which have to be purchased annually, are used to feed, house and vaccinate abandoned animals at the Animal Control facility.

"Thank you to the families who came out to adopt a cat or dog at the Adopt-A-Thon and thank you to the Animal Control staff and volunteers who made the event possible," said Executive Shapiro. "To have so many cats and dogs from the Animal Control facility placed into new loving homes for the ninth straight year is an outstanding achievement."

At Saturday's event, 87 animals (55 cats and 32 dogs) were adopted out to their new families and forever homes. This event was the second the County hosted in 2018 to promote the adoption and licensing process for animals and to ensure space availability at the Animal Control Facility.

"I am always proud to be part of this event. It's heartwarming to watch the animals get adopted into loving homes," said Fiscal Officer Scalise. "My office works with the Division of Animal Control to keep newly adopted dogs and puppies safe, by issuing them a current dog tag. It's important for all dogs in Summit County to maintain a current dog tag, in case 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:

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Animal-Shelter/Summit-County-Animal-Control-593036477426733/.}$







