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Time is Running Out to Purchase 2017 Dog Licenses Summit County Will Sell Dog Licenses At Five Acme Fresh Market Locations on Saturday, January 28

Time is running out for Summit County dog owners to purchase 2017 licenses for their pets. Ohio law requires all dog licenses to be renewed by January 31, 2017. The cost for a single year license is \$18.00, a three-year license is \$54.00 and a permanent license is \$180.00. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2017 deadline, will be required to pay the statutory late fee of \$18.00.

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from the offices of Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise will have dog licenses available for sale at the following Acme Fresh Market store locations: Acme No. 1 (1835 West Market Street, Akron), Ellet Acme No. 2 (2420 Wedgewood Drive, Akron), State Road Acme No. 10 (2226 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls), Portage Lakes Acme No. 14 (3235 Manchester Rd., Akron) and Stow Acme No. 17 (4445 Kent Rd., Stow).

“This is a great opportunity for dog owners to purchase a license prior to the January 31st deadline”, said Executive Ilene Shapiro. “The proceeds from the sale of dog licenses are used to feed and provide medical care to the animals housed in the Animal Control facility.”

If a lost dog is brought into Summit County Animal Control wearing a license tag, staff can find the owner quickly and reunite the family and pet. If a citizen finds a lost dog in their neighborhood or on the street 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 of a lost dog and find its home.

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“Maintaining a current dog license will help your pet return home if they are ever lost or stolen”, said Fiscal Officer Scalise. “We encourage owners to take advantage of the newer licensing options to keep their pet safe and legal longer, including the three-year and permanent tags.”

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

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

Kennel owners must also renew their licenses during the same time period; the cost is \$80 per license. Licenses for dogs providing assistance to citizens with disabilities are free of charge and valid throughout the duration of the animal's life.

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.

To apply on-line for a dog license, to find additional locations to purchase a license or for further information visit: <http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing>. Citizens without access to the internet may call: 330-630-7226.

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