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County Executive Ilene Shapiro Praises Animal Control and Community on Successful Adopt-a-Thon

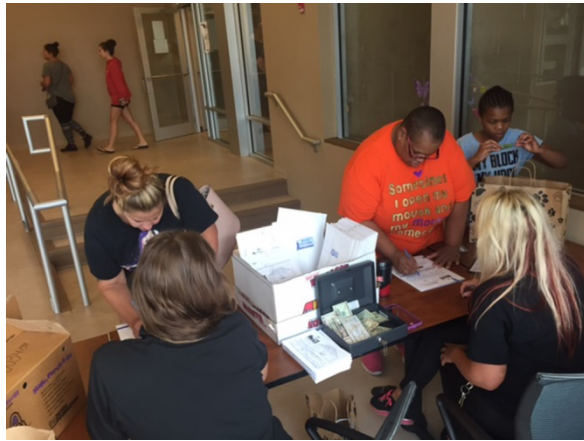
On Saturday, July 15, 2017, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's Division of Animal Control held an Adopt-a-Thon, and found forever homes for 91 animals – 56 cats and 35 dogs – that were housed at the Opportunity Parkway facility. "We always see an increase in our strays and surrenders in the summer months and we want to make sure that we do everything we can to get these animals homed as soon as possible," said Shapiro. "The staff at Animal Control does a fantastic job every day of not only protecting the public, but caring for the animals in their custody. The Adopt-a-Thon's success is a credit to their dedication."

The Adopt-a-Thon offered reduced adoption fees of \$10 for all animals at the facility, and on-site licensing for all adopted dogs. All animals were evaluated by the staff veterinarian and were spayed or neutered. With the help of a number of quality volunteers, the staff at animal control brought the total number of animals adopted at Summit County Adopt-a-Thons to 989 since 2010. "I am so pleased that so many community members took advantage of the opportunity to find loving, furry companions at our event this weekend," said Shapiro.

Following the Adopt-a-Thon, only eight adoptable dogs and three adoptable cats animals remain at the facility. In an effort to find forever homes for these 11 remaining animals, County Executive Shapiro is extending the \$10 cost for adoption of these animals through Friday, July 21st (dogs will also require a licensing fee of \$18). Pictures of the 11 animals still available at this reduced adoption fee will be posted on the Division of Animal Control's Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Summit-County-Animal-Control-593036477426733/> and will be updated throughout the week as they are adopted to new homes.

Individuals wishing to learn more about Summit County Animal Control or to adopt an animal can call 330-643-2845 or visit <https://co.summitoh.net/index.php/departments/administrative-services/animal-control>

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Summit County Division of Animal Control staff and volunteers participate in the Adopt-a-Thon on Saturday, July 15, 2017

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