



## News Release

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### **2018 Dog Licenses Go On Sale December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Does your holiday gift giving list include the family dog? If so, why not buy the best gift ever?

A shiny new 2018 dog license tag to adorn your dog's collar! It's a gift that may help your pet return home if they are ever lost.

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.

“The purchase of a license for your dog is extremely important in providing the care of lost and abandoned animals at the County's Animal Control Facility,” said Executive Ilene Shapiro. “If your dog is ever lost and is taken to the Animal Control facility, the income we receive from license sales is used to feed and provide medical care to your dog.”

“We offer several convenient ways to purchase a 2018 dog license. Pet owners can pay online, by mail, or in-person at one of 20 neighborhood locations throughout the county, including local license bureaus, pet shops and hardware stores,” said Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise. “County issued dog licenses not only provide legal proof of ownership, but they also keep your dog in compliance with Ohio law.”

2018 Summit County Dog Licenses are available for purchase beginning December 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. The cost for a single year license is \$18.00, a three-year license is \$54.00 and a permanent license is \$180.00.

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

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. Kennel owners must also renew their licenses during the same time period; the cost is \$80 per license.

Dog license renewal applications will be mailed beginning December 1, 2017. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2018 deadline will be required to pay an \$18 late fee.

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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