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8th Annual Adopt-A-Thon Results in the Placement of 86 Animals

The 8th Annual Summit County Animal Control Adopt-A-Thon, sponsored by County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise took place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Division of Animal Control, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in downtown Akron. Before the doors opened at 10 a.m., citizens lined up outside waiting to enter and choose a dog or cat for adoption. Throughout the remainder of the morning, a stream of people, eager to open their homes to a pet, made their way into the state of the art Animal Control facility.

This event was made possible with the assistance of facility staff and volunteers who worked the event and assisted the 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 for 2018. 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.

"To have so many cats and dogs from the Animal Control facility placed into new loving homes for the eighth straight year is an outstanding achievement," said Executive Shapiro. "I would like to thank the

community for generously supporting this fantastic event, and recognize all of the volunteers and Animal Control staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Adopt-a-Thons and helping to make them tremendously successful.”

At Saturday’s event, 86 animals (44 dogs and 42 cats) were adopted out to their new families and forever homes. Fourteen animals are still at the shelter awaiting new homes and will be available for the discounted price of \$10 through November 11, 2017 (plus the \$18 dog license fee for 2018). This Adopt-A-Thon is the second special event the County hosted in 2017 to promote the adoption and licensing process for animals and to ensure space availability at the Animal Control Facility.

“My office participates in the Adopt-A-Thon each year to ensure adopted dogs and puppies leave with a current dog tag, to protect them if they are ever lost,” said Fiscal Officer Scalise. “I am always impressed to see so many pet owners open their hearts and homes to an animal in need. We are fortunate to report another successful Adopt-A-Thon due to the hard work of the staff and volunteers at the Division of Animal Control, and the generosity of our residents.”

For more information contact the Summit County Division of Animal Control at 330-643-2845.
To view photos of adoptable animals visit:

<https://co.summitoh.net/index.php/departments/administrative-services/animal-control>

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