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7th Annual Adopt-A-Thon Results in the Placement of Almost Every Available Animal

The 7th Annual Summit County Adopt-A-Thon, sponsored by County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise was held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Division of Animal Control, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in downtown Akron. Before the doors opened at 10 a.m., 189 citizens were lined up outside waiting to enter and choose a dog and/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.

The 2016 event was made possible with the assistance of 25 volunteers who helped get the dogs and cats ready for placement with their new owners. Prices were discounted to \$10 per animal (regularly \$94 per dog, \$60 per cat). The animals were fully vetted (blood work, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay/neuter and vaccinations) and ready to be taken home that day. 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.

Last year's 2015 Adopt-A-Thon resulted in the placement of every animal in the building and this year's 2016 event was also a success with every available animal but one being placed into a new home. A total of 89 animals (25 dogs and 64 cats) were adopted.

An 11 year old grey/black tabby female cat named Madison is the only animal who was not adopted. She is a friendly senior who would love to enjoy a new home and family. The Division of Animal Control will honor the Adopt-A-Thon cost of \$10 for anyone interested in adopting Madison.

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Additionally, adoption numbers and visitors to the facility for this October have exceeded expectations with a total of 121 animals (91 dogs and 30 cats) being placed into new homes prior to the Adopt-A-Thon on Saturday. Unfortunately, even though the Adopt-A-Thon has emptied the shelter of animals, it will quickly begin to fill back up, so we encourage citizens to continue to visit the facility and consider taking a dog or cat into their homes.

"To have the Animal Control facility cleared of animals and placed into new loving homes for the seventh straight year is an outstanding achievement," stated Executive Shapiro. "I would like to thank all of the volunteers, Animal Control staff and the citizens of this community for once again supporting this popular annual event."

Over the past seven years, annual adopt-a-thons held at the Summit County Division of Animal Control have resulted in 898 animals being placed in new homes.

"It was wonderful to watch all the animals find new homes during the Adopt-A-Thon," said Fiscal Officer Scalise. "My office was pleased to participate in the event again this year, to ensure every dog left with a County dog tag to keep them safe and legal."

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>, click on ADOPT-A-PET in left column.

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Citizens participate in the 7th Annual Adopt-A-Thon at the Summit County Division of Animal Control on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

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