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2017 Dog Licenses Go On Sale December 1st

Does your holiday gift giving list include the family dog? If so, why not buy the best gift ever? A shiny new 2017 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 contributes to 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 ends up at the facility, the income we receive from license sales is used to feed and provide medical care to your dog.”

“It is my responsibility to protect our pets by maintaining accurate dog registration records. If your dog is ever lost or stolen, having a dog license can help them return home,” said Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise.

2017 Summit County Dog Licenses are available for purchase beginning December 1, 2016 through 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.

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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, 2016. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2017 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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