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Nearly 1,200 cats and dogs adopted at Summit County Animal Control in 2024

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and the Division of Animal Control are proud to announce 568 dogs and 631 cats have been adopted, and 190 dogs and 4 cats have been redeemed by their owners to date in 2024.

Each adopted animal is spayed or neutered, if necessary, and receives vaccinations, de-worming, and blood work, and is microchipped. Each dog adopted is also provided a County dog license. Microchipping and licensing help to readily identify dogs and cats should they become lost in the future.

In an effort to keep pets from ending up at the facility due to rising costs in pet food and supplies, Animal Control continues to host Community Pet Food Pantry events. Each drive-thru event serves an average of 200 households, hundreds of pets throughout Summit County. The pet food and supplies are provided thanks to a partnership with Greater Goods Charities. Since this partnership began at the end of 2022, Animal Control has distributed hundreds of thousands of pounds of food and supplies directly into the community. The next event will be held Tuesday, January 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Animal Control's facility.

Throughout the year, Animal Control held six adoption events to lower the cost of adoptions and raise awareness about the large number of animals in need of adoption, including Summit County Purrr-ide!, Clear the Shelters, and Fall In Love With Your New Pet.

"I am so grateful to our Animal Control staff for helping over one thousand animals find new homes in the past year, and giving each pet that comes through the door the compassionate care and respect they deserve." said Executive Shapiro. "The Pet Food Pantry events and the fun adoption events are game changers for our residents in need. I am so proud of our staff for truly centering their job and operations around the community's needs."

Animal Control is currently offering the Pawlidays adoption event until January 6. During this time, adoption costs are reduced to \$28 for dogs (regularly \$94) and \$5 for cats (regularly \$60). To view adoptable animals, visit <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/oh/akron/summit-county-animal-control-department-oh423/> or <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyExecutive>.

Animal Control also offers a year-round volunteer program. Volunteers assist Animal Control staff with walking, grooming, and accompanying pets during their stay. Residents interested in volunteering can apply for the program by emailing their name, age, phone number, and a brief statement of interests and intent to volunteerac@summitoh.net.

Summit County Animal Control is located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in Akron. Adoption hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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