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Nearly 700 dogs adopted or redeemed by owner at Summit County Animal Control in 2025

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and the Division of Animal Control are proud to announce 514 dogs were adopted and 156 dogs were redeemed by their owners in 2025.

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 included in the adoption cost. Microchipping and licensing help to readily identify dogs and cats should they become lost in the future.

Throughout the year, Animal Control held twelve adoption events to lower the cost of adoptions and raise awareness about the large number of animals in need of adoption, including the Dog Days of Summer, Paws & Petals, and You Lucky Dog, to name a few. This year, Animal Control hosted a free ice cream social to kick-off the annual Clear the Shelters campaign, a nationwide pet adoption campaign by NBCUniversal.

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 Monday, February 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Animal Control's facility.

“Our staff works diligently to provide the most compassionate care for every dog that enters our facility, as well as supporting pet owners through our monthly Pet Food Pantry giveaways,” said Executive Shapiro. “Their creativity, innovation, and passion drive the exceptional care they provide to the dogs, and I am grateful for them each and every day.”

Animal Control is currently offering the “Warm Up with a Pup” adoption promotion. During this time, adoption costs are reduced to \$28 for dogs (regularly \$94). 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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