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Summit County Animal Control reduces adoption fees for 2026 Clear the Shelters

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County Animal Control is participating in the annual Clear the Shelters campaign, encouraging residents looking for a new furry friend to “Adopt, don’t shop!” So far this year, Animal Control has helped more than 204 dogs find new, loving fur-ever homes. Even so, the facility remains consistently full, with new arrivals coming in every day. The Clear the Shelters campaign aims to increase adoptions throughout August, clearing more kennel space and contributing to a less stressful environment for dogs awaiting their new families.

Over the past 12 years, NBCUniversal’s Clear the Shelters campaign has helped more than 1.3 million find homes and raised more than \$5.6 million for participating shelters and rescues. Last year, more than 1,700 shelters and rescues participated nationwide, resulting in more than 160,000 adoptions and \$628,000 in donations, the campaign’s highest fundraising total since 2020.

To join in the fun, County Executive Shapiro is reducing adoption fees from \$96 down to just \$28 throughout the month of August. Every adopted dog is microchipped, fully vetted (including bloodwork, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay or neuter, and vaccinations) and ready to be taken home, complete with a 2026 Summit County Dog License included in the \$28 fee.

Support the adopt-don’t-shop movement by browsing adoptable dogs on Summit County Animal Control’s [website](#) and visiting the facility, which has adoption hours seven days a week. Appointments are not required but are encouraged. Call 330-643-2845 to schedule an appointment today.

What: Clear the Shelter adoption promotion

Who: County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Animal Control

When: Saturday, August 1 – Monday, August 31, 2026

Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: 250 Opportunity Parkway in Akron

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyExecutive>

Adoptable dogs: <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Division-of-Animal-Control.html#navcustom2>

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