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County Executive Shapiro announces "Barktober" adoption promotion

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Forget the tricks, these dogs are all about the treats! County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Animal Control are celebrating the spooky season with "Barktober," a month-long adoption promotion giving residents the chance to bring home a new four-legged friend for just \$28.

The \$28 adoption fee includes everything a new pet needs for a healthy start at home. 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 fee.

"Our dogs at Animal Control are ready to find their forever homes, and "Barktober" is the perfect opportunity to welcome a new member into your family," said Executive Shapiro. "I encourage residents to stop by Animal Control and consider giving one a loving home this fall."

Residents can browse adoptable dogs on Summit County Animal Control's website and visit 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: Barktober Adoption Promotion

Who: County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Animal Control

When: Thursday, October 1 – Saturday, October 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/SummitAnimalControl>

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

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