



News Release

Russell M. Pry – Summit County Executive

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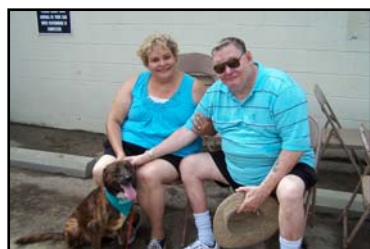
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On Saturday, July 24, 2010, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Division of Animal Control, in collaboration with the Summit Animal Coalition, sponsored the Fresh Start for Our Four-Legged Friends adopt-a-thon at 460 E. North Street in downtown Akron. The event successfully found new homes for 97 dogs and 100 cats.



The purpose of the adopt-a-thon was to connect abandoned animals with new families before the Summit County Division of Animal Control moves its operations into a new \$2.96 million, state-of-the-art, high performance green facility, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in south Akron.

By rolling back the adoption rates to \$10 per animal (regularly \$90 per dog, \$60 per cat); the Summit County Division of Animal Control attracted over 300 citizens to the event.



Mary and Bill Dyke, of Norton, were among those in attendance.

"We are adopting a pet because we are genuine dog lovers," stated Dyke. "Once we get home, he will be welcomed by our other family pets and will have over two acres of land to explore."

A sincere love for animals, companionship and security were among the other reasons why local families were eager to open their hearts and homes to area dogs and cats in need.

"I would like to thank the members of the Summit Animal Coalition for helping us make this community event such a huge success," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "Without their help, none of this would have been possible."

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The Summit Animal Coalition is an animal welfare group made up of the following organizations: Friends of Pets, Golden Treasures, Golden Retrievers in Need, Humane Society of Greater Akron, One-of-a-Kind Pet Rescue, Pet Guards, Paws & Prayers, Paws with Pride and the Summit County Division of Animal Control.

Heaven Can Wait, independent volunteers and citizens also contributed to the success of this special event.

Discounted prices will remain in effect through Friday, July 31st. Citizens who adopt a canine will be required to purchase a \$14 Summit County Dog License.



For more information contact the Summit County Division of Animal Control at 330-643-2845, or visit www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/animalcontrol.htm.

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