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Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry, Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio to Host Construction Kick-Off, Promote the Sale of 2010 Dog Licenses

A construction kick-off celebration for the new, \$2.96 million County of Summit Division of Animal Control facility will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 250 Opportunity Parkway in south Akron. Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry, Summit County Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio and members of Summit County Council are scheduled to host the event at 10:30 a.m.

The existing warehouse will soon be developed into a state-of-the-art, LEED certified animal control facility. Building specifications include: a spacious intake area, an adoption zone, a veterinary clinic, quarantine capabilities, administrative office space and much, much more.

The 19,494 square foot facility is projected to be fully renovated by late-summer 2010.

The structure was designed by DLZ, with support from Animal Arts, a firm that has designed over 600 animal care facilities across the country. Augere Construction, a local company headquartered in Hudson, has been contracted to oversee the capital improvement project.

"Our main goal is to provide a facility that will house animals in a clean, safe, welcoming and eco-friendly environment," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry.

The implementation of a central kennel cleaning system to reduce water consumption, the use of pervious concrete for new parking areas to reduce storm water run-off and daylight occupancy sensors to control energy consumption are just a few of the eco-friendly features soon to be put into practice at the facility. Modern mechanical systems, efficient water fixtures and instruments to optimize energy performance will also be implemented.

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Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry, Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio to Host Ceremonial Construction Kick-Off, Promote the Sale of 2010 Dog Licenses

The press conference will also provide Summit County Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio with an opportunity to promote the sale of 2010 Summit County Dog Licenses.

"Funds generated from the sale of dog licenses are used to feed, house and vaccinate abandoned animals in need," stated Summit County Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio. "As County Fiscal Officer, it is my responsibility to collect these much needed tax dollars."

The Ohio Revised Code requires citizens who own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age to purchase a county dog license on an annual basis.

"In addition to complying with the law, one exceptionally good reason to license your dog is to secure proof of ownership needed to reunite a family with a missing pet," added Donofrio. "It is their ticket home!"

2010 Summit County dog licenses will be available for purchase starting December 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010. The cost is \$14 each; dog owners may purchase licenses at the following county government office buildings:

- ❑ Summit County Division of Animal Control, 460 E. North Street, Akron, Ohio 44304
- ❑ Summit County Fiscal Office, 1030 E. Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44310

For additional neighborhood locations, click on <http://scfo.summitoh.net/kanine/DogShops.aspx>. Those vendors do charge an additional \$.75 processing fee.

Dog license renewal applications will be mailed beginning December 1, 2009. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2010 deadline will be required to pay an additional \$14 late fee.

Kennel owners must renew their licenses during this same time; cost is \$50 per license and includes five tags. Service dogs must be licensed but their fee is waived. Once they are registered with the county, they are permanently licensed by receiving a special tag.

For more information on the sale of 2010 Summit County Dog Licenses, visit <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/fiscaloffice> and choose Services Division from the menu on the left. Citizens without access to the Internet can call 330-630-7226.

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