



News Release

Russell M. Pry – Summit County Executive

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The New County of Summit Division of Animal Control Facility Opens, County Officials Host Grand Opening Celebration



On Tuesday, August 31, 2010, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry hosted the grand opening celebration of the new County of Summit Division of Animal Control facility, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in Akron. Summit County Council Member (District 1) Nick Kostandaras and Summit County Council Member (At-Large) Ilene Shapiro joined Executive Pry at the opening. Tours and light refreshments were offered to citizens in attendance.

The County of Summit Executive's Office began renovating the Opportunity Parkway warehouse in December 2009. The new \$2.96 million, state-of-the-art, high performance green facility now offers: administrative office space, an adoption zone, an intake area, outdoor visiting space, quarantine quarters, staff locker rooms, a veterinary clinic and more. The 19,494 square-foot structure was designed by DLZ, with support from Animal Arts, a firm that has designed over 200 animal care facilities across the country. Augere Construction, a local company headquartered in Hudson, oversaw the capital improvement project.

The new facility is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified and contains the following eco-friendly features:



- A central kennel cleaning system to reduce water consumption (by nearly 80%)
- The use of pervious concrete to reduce storm water run-off
- Day-light occupancy sensors to control energy consumption
- Modern energy efficient mechanical systems (water fixtures, air units, etc.)

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"Our main goal was to provide a facility that would house animals in a safe, clean and welcoming environment," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "The green features incorporated into the design make the facility even more spectacular."

The cost to adopt a dog fully treated by the Summit County Division of Animal Control is \$90; while, the cost to adopt a fully treated cat is \$60. Full treatment includes: blood work, a flea treatment, intestinal de-worming, a license (if necessary), a spay/neuter operation and vaccinations. To view photos of adoptable animals click on www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/animalcontrol.htm.

The County of Summit Division of Animal Control's new hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday - Tuesday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Thursday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday Temporarily Closed



For more information, or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the County of Summit Division of Animal Control at 330-643-2845.

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