



# News Release

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## **Hattie Larlham to Offer Dog Grooming Services at the Summit County Animal Control Facility**

Hattie Larlham Doggie Day Care & Boarding will soon be performing their dog grooming services on a part time basis at the County of Summit Division of Animal Control facility, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in downtown Akron. Legislation authorizing Hattie Larlham to use of the County's dog grooming room will be on the County Council agenda on Monday, November 7, 2011. The resolution was sponsored by Executive Russell M. Pry and County Council as a whole.

"This partnership will provide Hattie Larlham with an opportunity to expand their vocational program by offering a centralized location to conduct their dog grooming services," stated Pry. "We are happy to be able to offer these services to our constituents while being able to provide job opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities."

In addition to the Akron worksite, Hattie Larlham performs dog grooming services at Doggie Day Care & Boarding facilities located in Green and Twinsburg. All grooming services are conducted by appointment only or as part of a longer day care or boarding experience.

Representatives from Hattie Larlam will be on hand to provide information about their grooming services at The 2nd Annual Summit County Adopt-A-Thon held on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Division of Animal Control, located at 250 Opportunity Parkway in downtown Akron. The event is being sponsored by County of Summit Executive Russell M. Pry, Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise and the Summit County Animal Coalition.

Dogs and cats will be made available for adoption for the low price of \$10 per animal (regularly \$90 per dog, \$60 per cat). The animals will be fully vetted (blood work, flea treatments, intestinal de-worming, spay/neuter and vaccinations) and ready to be taken home that day. Citizens who adopt a canine will be required to purchase a Summit County Dog License for \$14.

The purpose of the adopt-a-thon is twofold: to find new homes for abandoned animals in need and to encourage citizens to visit the new Division of Animal Control facility. In 2010, the County moved its animal control operations into a new \$2.96 million, state-of-the-art, high performance green facility. The 19,494 square-foot facility offers: a spacious intake area, an adoption zone, a veterinary clinic, quarantine quarters, administrative office space and more.

For more information on the dog grooming service, or to make an appointment, contact Hattie Larlham Doggie Day Care & Boarding at 330-899-8565, or visit <http://www.hattielarlham.org/v/dog-grooming-cleveland.asp>.

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