2016 Dog Licenses Go On Sale December 1st

Does your holiday gift giving list include the family dog? If so, why not buy the best gift ever? A shiny new 2016 dog license tag to adorn your dog’s collar! It’s a gift that may help your pet return home if they are ever lost.

"Maintaining a current dog license will help your pet return home if they are lost", said Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise. "We now offer several licensing options to keep your pet safe and legal longer, including the new three-year tag and the permanent/lifetime tag."

If a lost dog is brought into Summit County Animal Control wearing a license tag, staff can find the owner quickly and reunite the family and pet. If a citizen finds a lost dog in their neighborhood or on the street and it is wearing a license tag, they can go to the County website at http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing/dog-search and type in the license number of a lost dog and find its home.

"In addition, by purchasing a dog license you will contribute to the care of lost and abandoned animals,” Executive Russ Pry said. “Funds generated from the sale of dog licenses are redistributed to the Summit County Animal Control Facility, which provides housing and adoption services for our displaced pets.”

2016 Summit County Dog Licenses are available for purchase beginning December 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. The cost for a single year license is $18.00, a three-year license is $54.00 and a permanent license is $180.00.

Dog owners may purchase licenses at the following county government office buildings:

- County of Summit Division of Animal Control, 250 Opportunity Parkway, Akron, Ohio
- County of Summit Services Department, 1030 E. Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, Ohio

Kennel owners must also renew their licenses during the same time period; the cost is $80 per license. Licenses for dogs providing assistance to citizens with disabilities are free of charge and valid throughout the duration of the animal's life. Proof of training must be submitted.
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.

Dog license renewal applications will be mailed beginning December 1, 2015. Citizens who fail to meet the January 31, 2016 deadline will be required to pay an $18 late fee.

To apply on-line for a dog license, to find additional locations to purchase a license or for further information visit: [http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing](http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/dog-licensing). Citizens without access to the internet may call: 330-630-7226.

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