

Dear House Rules Committee:

I am urging you to vote yes on HCR 16, which would make the rescued shelter dog Oregon's state dog. This is more than a feel-good bill for Oregon citizens who care about abused, neglected, homeless animals. It highlights and promotes a number of all too serious issues:

- By it's very nature, it is educational, highlighting issues that lead dogs into shelters or rescue situations.
- It promotes adoption of rescue and shelter dogs, which not only saves lives but helps to reign in costs associated with their care at overburdened shelters.
- It spotlights the work of Oregon's sheltering professionals and the work they do to find permanent, loving homes for the dogs in their care.
- Because most adoptions require neutering and spaying, it supports the neuter and spay concept for animals in our communities, which helps to cut down on the problem of homeless animals — which leads many of them into shelters in the first place.
- Rather than focusing on just one breed, it is inclusive of dogs of all types, whether purebred or mixed breeds, so that everyone who takes in a rescue or shelter dog will be giving a home to Oregon's state dog.

Please vote yes on HCR 16!

Thank you,  
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