

Dear House Rules Committee Chairperson and Members,

I am writing to express my support for HRC 16 – to make Rescue Dogs Oregon’s official dog. This cost-free measure will further Oregon’s nationwide reputation as a front-runner in animal welfare legislation. We are fortunate to have an internationally-recognized animal law program here within our borders at Lewis & Clark, and it would be a shame for Oregon to lag behind when this much-needed gesture can do so much to underscore the important messages that seem to motivate so many Oregonians on animal issues. Specifically:

- H.C.R. 16 will promote the adoption of dogs from rescues and shelters, resulting in saved lives and less cost in caring for dogs in shelters;
- H.C.R. 16 acknowledges (and rewards!) the work of Oregon’s dedicated animal sheltering professionals who work every day to care for dogs in shelters and find them permanent, loving homes;
- H.C.R. 16 recognizes that all kinds and types of dogs are represented in Oregon’s shelters, including purebred and mixed breed dogs, all of whom have the potential to be a loving companion for the right person.

Please move HRC 16 forward!

Thank you for your service and consideration.

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