

Dear State of Oregon-

I urge you to vote YES to select rescued shelter pets as Oregon's state dog.

Oregon has such a great history of dog rescue! Did you know that the Oregon Humane Society, which was founded in 1868, was the THIRD animal shelter in the UNITED STATES? The only shelters founded before it were NYC and Boston. Not only was OHS the FIRST shelter on the West Coast, it's also the LARGEST shelter on the West Coast and has adopted over 11,000 animals per year for over 6 years now. And, OHS has the highest SAVE RATE in the nation at 97%. That's something that our state should be so very proud of! Oh, and the Oregon Humane Society is fully funded by PRIVATE donations. NO tax dollars fund Oregon's largest animal shelter.

Oregonians are real advocates when it comes to adopting shelter pets. It's only fitting to honor them by selecting the rescued shelter dog as the Oregon state dog.

Thank you for your consideration,

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