

I am writing today to urge you to vote YES on HCR 16 designating a the shelter dog as the official dog of Oregon. I saw there was a bill to designate the Border Collie. While Border Collies are wonderful dogs, designating them as the state dog may encourage breeding them for profit. Many of them will end up abused, neglected and in shelters.

Designating the shelter dog as the state dog will discourage breeding of dogs and encourage adoption from our shelters, saving animal lives and helping to realize the dream of no homeless animals in Oregon.

This is a small, symbolic gesture, but one that could have wide-reaching and lasting impact on Oregon animals and people.

Thank you for your time,

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