

# House Concurrent Resolution 9

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, PRUSAK (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Designates rescued shelter dogs and cats as official state pet.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas every year Oregon animal shelters take in tens of thousands of homeless dogs and cats;  
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4       Whereas an army of dedicated shelter staff, volunteers, animal behaviorists and veterinarians  
5 work hard to ready these dogs and cats for a second chance at finding their permanent home; and

6       Whereas Oregonians open their hearts and adopt thousands of rescued shelter dogs and cats  
7 every year; and

8       Whereas shelter dogs and cats, like Oregonians, are renowned for their resilience, endurance  
9 and ability to overcome adversity; and

10       Whereas many shelter dogs and cats, like many Oregonians, have come through unimaginable  
11 hardship but look to the future with hope and strength; and

12       Whereas in the diversity of shelter dogs and cats, which are of every shape and size and from  
13 every background, Oregonians see a reflection of themselves; and

14       Whereas because shelter dogs and cats embody all breeds, as Oregon's state pet they would  
15 represent the choice of all dog and cat lovers in this state; and

16       Whereas like Oregonians, shelter dogs and cats are eager to leave their indoor confines and join  
17 their friends in the freedom, beauty and adventure of Oregon's great outdoors; and

18       Whereas Oregon is the land of the second chance, something every shelter dog or cat deserves;  
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20       Whereas shelter dogs and cats remind us that second chances are worth it; and

21       Whereas Oregonians know that adopting a shelter dog or cat rescues two lives at once; and

22       Whereas like Oregonians, shelter dogs and cats are optimists, knowing that a bright future waits  
23 ahead; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24       That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, acknowledge Oregon's con-  
25 nection to shelter dogs and cats and designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as the official pet of  
26 the State of Oregon.  
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