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My rescue dog, Twain and I just celebrated 10 years as a pack. He is very frail now, and I am close to having to make that difficult decision most dog parents must eventually make, but I am so grateful that I was so blessed to adopt a dog like him and that we got to have this incredible journey together. He has been in so many ways the buoy for my weary heart and a source of so much joy.

There is a big heartedness that Oregon is known for when it comes to these furry friends in need of a rescue so it is NO accident that so many animals rescued from kill shelters end up in our state. Folks know that there is a high probability Oregonians will give these often forgotten animals the chance to have a loving family.

Let me say emphatically what a noble and beautiful gesture it would be to demonstrate how deep that compassion and empathy runs in Oregon that we would be able to declare rescued dogs and cats the official state pet.

Let's take this bold move. It is the right one.