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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HCR8

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To: House Committee On Rules

From: Lisa Brisley, (Lake Oswego)

Re: Vote "Yes" on HCR 8 - Designating the rescued shelter dog and cat as the Official Pet of Oregon

Dear House Committee on Rules,

I respectfully urge you to Vote Yes on HCR 8 in order to designate the rescued shelter dog and cat as the Official Pet of Oregon. By passing this most important bill, you would be saving lives by shining a light on millions of shelter dogs and cats who are desperately waiting to find a loving home, and at the same time, encouraging the People of Oregon to open their hearts and homes to dogs and cats in need. It is estimated that approximately 3 million dogs and cats are euthanized every year in shelters for the simple and sad fact that they do not find homes in time.

We, the People of Oregon are ambassadors of love, kindness, and compassion. We are the epitome of "Love In Action." Passing HCR 8 will bring us many humane and gigantic steps closer to connecting these deserving shelter dogs and cats with loving homes.

The rescued shelter dog and cat as the Official Pet of Oregon would be the best choice because it is an all-inclusive choice and would represent every size, color, breed, or mixed breed of dogs and cats imaginable.

California, Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma (and other states to follow) are waiting for us to join them in their compassionate action to make the rescued shelter dog and cat our Official State Pet in Oregon.

ATTACHED BELOW is a link to an article that I wrote entitled "Life of a Queen: From Rescue to Royalty" which was featured in the Lake Oswego Review on February 5, 2015 in honor of my sweet dog Maggie who had passed away and left a legacy of love and hope for all the shelter animals who are desperately waiting for a loving home. Maggie was one of the lucky ones who was rescued by law enforcement from an abusive puppy mill after spending the first seven years of her life giving birth to

litters of puppies without humane care or treatment. Jefferson County Shelter in Madras, Oregon took Maggie in with her 7 puppies in their greatest time of need even though she had all the cards stacked against her as a 7-year-old, malnourished dog with a history of abuse waiting in a high-kill shelter to be adopted into a loving home. We happily adopted Maggie and she was loved and cherished in our Lake Oswego neighborhood community as "The Queen of Woodland Terrace."

By passing HCR 8, Maggie's "Rescue to Royalty" life story can be that of millions of shelter dogs and cats desperately waiting for a loving home.

"Life of a Queen: From Rescue to Royalty Article:

https://www.lakeoswegoreview.com/opinion/life-of-a-queen-from-rescue-to-royalty/article_7b032137-35aa-5604-9144-a2b311e03a2d.html

Thank you for reading my testimony, for your service to all the Living Beings of Oregon, and for passing HCR 8 that would bring humane awareness and save countless lives of shelter dogs and cats waiting for a loving home.

Kind regards,
Lisa Brisley

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