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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HCR8

I am writing to urge you to support designating shelter dogs and cats as Oregon's state pet. This just makes sense, as it is consistent with who Oregon is - concerned with animals, with our responsibility to them, and the success of shelters in Oregon on caring for and placing rescued animals. There's no greater satisfaction, as I know personally, than to look in to the eyes of a cat or a dog who might have been abandoned, abused, or sometimes could no longer be cared for by their human, and to know they now feel safe and secure in their forever home. We value life in Oregon and let's celebrate responsibility for our companion species by having those rescued as our official pet. Thank you. Dr. Debra Merskin