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## HCR 8 Designate Shelters Dogs and Cats as the Oregon State Pet

Every year, millions of dogs and cats enter animal shelters in the United States and more than half of them will never leave.

Oregon should make shelter pets, the state pet to encourage adoption of shelter animals.

With this move, Oregon would join with Colorado, California, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee which have designated shelter dogs and cats as the state pet.

Adoptions from shelters would reduce the overcrowding experienced by shelters.

Adoptions from animal shelters reduce the problems associated with puppy mills.

As a fourteen-year volunteer at Oregon Humane Society, I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful dogs who have found a forever homes with a new family. The dogs quickly become family members.

Support HCR 8 which designates rescue shelter dogs and cats as the official state pet.

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