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

Dear House Committee on Rules,
I strongly support the designation of the shelter dog/cat as the Official State Pet. Oregon needs to promote adoption from animal shelters now more than ever, as most shelters are full. For the first time in decades, euthanasia for space is occurring, even at the shelters that I volunteer in currently and previously, including Columbia County Animal Control in St. Helens and Multnomah County Animal Services in Troutdale.

The amount of suffering that a rescue/shelter animal endures can be extreme and the emotional toll on shelter staff and volunteers is enormous. I wish more people would support the adoption of rescue animals vs buying animals from back-yard breeders.

By promoting rescue animals, Oregon may be able to reduce the costs to taxpayers to fund County animal shelters. HCR 8 would bring crucial public awareness to the need for public support of animal shelters and rescue groups.

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