

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Rules Committee,

My official name is Archibald Banjo and I go by "Archie." I am a rescue dog who in 2019 was flown to Oregon from a "kill shelter" in Oklahoma by the [Safe Haven Humane Society](#) in Tangent, along with my five litter mates and our mother. We were known as "the Brady Bunch," and my shelter name was Peter. After a brief stay I was adopted by a family in Corvallis – I have asked a member of my forever family, Jock Mills, to convey my support for [HCR 8](#).



My Adoption Day



Me and my Family

I really wagged my tail when I heard about HCR 8. As a rescue puppy, you can see the transition from a scared, homeless dog to a member of a family. I have worked hard to bring joy and happiness to my family. I graduated from puppy obedience school; I sit, stay, lie down, and heel; I regularly run with my dad and walk with my mom; and I have participated in a dog agility class. I recently moved to Portland, where I am enjoying the wonderful dog parks in my neighborhood, especially Wilshire Park where I chase squirrels and gallivant with dogs of many breeds and dispositions.

HCR 8 will help other puppies like me grow up to be contributing members of families across Oregon. Rescue programs keep dogs like me from euthanasia or worse. I'm not an expert on cats. In fact, I find them to be intimidating and difficult to get along with. But in the spirit of bi-partisanship I am fine with shelter cats being state pets too. When it comes to dogs, I do know that dog ownership contributes to longevity. According to the [American Heart Association](#):

- Heart attack survivors who live alone had a reduced risk of death if they owned a dog;
- Stroke survivors who lived by themselves had a reduced risk of death if they owned a dog; and
- Dog owners are less likely to die from a heart attack or stroke than non-dog owners.

Your favorable vote for HCR 8 will encourage the adoption of animals like me through local shelters across the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important resolution,

Archie