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I believe Oregon should enact HCR 8 to make shelter pets the official pet of the state for so many reasons. Many other states have done this (Kentucky, Ohio, Colorado, Tennessee, California, Illinois and Georgia) -- time for us to get on board!

I myself have made rescue dogs my pet since I have lived here and the crisis of pet overpopulation is so serious that we must try to convince as many people as possible to adopt rescues, rather than buy - especially designer pet breeds. Making rescues the state pet will make people feel that rescuing is "cool" and something they should consider.

HCR 8 would promote the adoption of pets from animal shelters and save money on taxpayer-supported government-run shelters. It would also recognize and honor the hard-working people (paid staff and volunteers) at Oregon's shelters - and the people who adopt shelter pets.

Thank you so much.