
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2019

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, HILL-EVANS, HENNESSEY, FREEMAN,
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YOUNGBLOOD, HEFFLEY, KIM, READSHAW, JOZWIAK AND JOHNSON-
HARRELL, OCTOBER 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2019 as "National Dog Show
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Kennel Club of Philadelphia's two benched, all-
4 breed dog shows are held on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday,
5 November 17, 2019, at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in
6 Oaks; and

7 WHEREAS, The shows, sanctioned by the American Kennel Club,
8 help raise money for a variety of canine-related causes; and

9 WHEREAS, The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary
10 Medicine has been a prior beneficiary of the Kennel Club of
11 Philadelphia; and

12 WHEREAS, Saturday's event is The National Dog Show Presented
13 by Purina which will, for the 18th year in a row, be broadcast
14 nationwide on Thanksgiving Day by NBC; and

15 WHEREAS, Sunday's event offers enhanced athletic dog
16 exhibitions plus family-friendly activities and hands-on fun;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 20 million people
3 watch the Thanksgiving Day special each year, making it the most
4 widely viewed dog show in United States history; and

5 WHEREAS, It is the largest dog show in Pennsylvania and one
6 of the five largest in America; and

7 WHEREAS, Since hosting a major dog event in 1876 at the
8 Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia has been at the forefront of
9 the purebred dog world; and

10 WHEREAS, Unlike the more common "show and go" format, benched
11 shows require exhibitors to remain in the building for the day,
12 allowing the public to meet and greet the canines and interact
13 with the canines' owners, breeders and handlers; and

14 WHEREAS, Now almost a lost tradition, only three benched
15 shows remain nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The Kennel Club of Philadelphia promotes the
17 National Dog Show Therapy Dog Ambassador Team, advancing the use
18 of trained and certified canines to provide comfort and
19 companionship to individuals who are aged or infirm; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Dog Show Charity Walk kicks off
21 "National Dog Show Month" on October 13, 2019, at Wilson Farm
22 Park in Wayne, Chester County; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of November 2019 as "National Dog Show Month" in
25 Pennsylvania.