A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "National Dog Show Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The Kennel Club of Philadelphia's two benched, all-breed dog shows are held on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2018, at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Saturday's event is The National Dog Show Presented by Purina which will, for the 17th year in a row, be broadcast nationwide on Thanksgiving Day by NBC; and

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

WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 25 million people watch the Thanksgiving Day special each year; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Unlike the more common "show and go" format, benched shows require exhibitors to remain in the building for the day, allowing the public to meet and greet the canines; and

WHEREAS, Now almost a lost tradition, only six benched shows remain nationwide; and

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

WHEREAS, The National Dog Show Charity Walk kicks off National Dog Show Month on October 14, 2018, at Wilson Farm Park in Wayne, Chester County; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of November 2018 as "National Dog Show Month" in Pennsylvania.