
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 290 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE,
CAPPELLETTI, COMMITTA, FONTANA, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL
AND J. WARD, MAY 3, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 3, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 24, 2022, as "State Working Animal Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Working Animal Foundation was
4 formed in 2018 to pay tribute to working animals across this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The goals of the foundation are to provide a place
7 to honor, memorialize and reflect on the working animal and
8 educate the public and bring awareness to the work these animals
9 do for residents of this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Working animals include police and military, search
11 and rescue, therapy and service animals; and

12 WHEREAS, Police and Military K9s, serving in the line of
13 duty, regularly place their lives on the line and are trained to
14 protect and to serve, track down criminals and search and sweep
15 for drugs, explosives, electronics and other evidence; and

16 WHEREAS, Mounted patrols assist in crowd control and security
17 and can clear a path for emergency vehicles easily and escort

1 paramedics and police through crowded foot traffic; and

2 WHEREAS, Across this Commonwealth search and rescue teams
3 with dogs and horses are called out every day to find missing
4 individuals, help with accident victims and assist law
5 enforcement with criminal cases; and

6 WHEREAS, Therapy animals provide comfort by reaching
7 individuals when and where words cannot; and

8 WHEREAS, Therapy animals can be found in the aftermath of
9 disasters, in schools, libraries and hospitals, in nursing homes
10 and youth centers, in airports and in courtrooms; and

11 WHEREAS, In stables, therapy horses provide unconditional
12 love, understanding and interaction where it is needed most; and

13 WHEREAS, Service animals assist individuals with disabilities
14 and specific needs, allowing for a more independent life; and

15 WHEREAS, Service animals fill the gap and make independence a
16 reality, changing lives while offering love, companionship and
17 most of all, understanding; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 24, 2022, as "State
19 Working Animal Day" in Pennsylvania.