

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DECEMBER 7, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 7, 1993

A RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing "Canine Good Citizen" programs.

2 WHEREAS, Dogs play an important role in the lives of many
3 Pennsylvania citizens by serving as companions and assistance
4 animals; and

5 WHEREAS, It is recognized that the "bad dog" problem is most
6 often an irresponsible owner problem; and

7 WHEREAS, Responsible pet ownership is encouraged in this
8 Commonwealth and responsible owners should properly confine and
9 provide adequate training for their dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, "Canine Good Citizen" programs identify and
11 officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good
12 standing with the community; and

13 WHEREAS, The "Canine Good Citizen" concept was developed to
14 teach pet owners that dogs should exhibit functional good
15 citizen behaviors in the presence of other people and animals in
16 both the home and the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Because many Pennsylvanians are the victims of
2 animal bites each year and there is a need for dogs to be well-
3 behaved members of the community; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives endorse "Canine
5 Good Citizen" programs as a means of teaching owners responsible
6 pet ownership, and as a means of teaching dogs canine good
7 citizen behaviors for the community; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth encourage dog training
9 programs and kennel clubs to provide training and education for
10 community pet owners that emphasizes the importance of properly
11 confining and controlling dogs and providing training which
12 results in "Canine Good Citizens."