

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 17

By: Reynolds

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution promoting responsible dog  
8 ownership; endorsing the AKC Canine Good Citizen  
9 Program; encouraging dog training programs; and  
10 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many  
13 Oklahoma citizens by serving as companions, therapy dogs, and  
14 assistance dogs; and

15 WHEREAS, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most  
16 often caused by irresponsible owners; and

17 WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership should be encouraged in  
18 Oklahoma and responsible owners should properly control and provide  
19 adequate training for their dogs; and

20 WHEREAS, Canine Good Citizen programs identify and officially  
21 recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the  
22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, the Canine Good Citizen Program was developed by the  
24 American Kennel Club (AKC) to teach pet owners that dogs should

1 exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and  
2 other animals, in both the home and the community; and

3 WHEREAS, children and adults of all ages participate in Canine  
4 Good Citizen classes to learn the skills involved in responsible dog  
5 ownership; and

6 WHEREAS, with dog bites and animal concerns on the rise, there  
7 is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
9 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the effort to  
12 promote responsible dog ownership in the State of Oklahoma.

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature endorses the American Kennel  
14 Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen Program.

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages dog training  
16 programs and kennel clubs to provide training and education for  
17 community pet powers that result in dogs being "Canine Good  
18 Citizens".

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the American  
20 Kennel Club (AKC).

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