

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Missouri citizens by
2 serving as companions and providing assistance as working and therapy dogs; and

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4 **Whereas**, dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

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6 **Whereas**, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Missouri and responsible
7 dog owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

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9 **Whereas**, the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program
10 identifies and officially recognizes those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the
11 community; and

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13 **Whereas**, the Canine Good Citizen Program teaches pet owners that dogs should
14 exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and animals, in both the home
15 and the community; and

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17 **Whereas**, with dog bites and animal trespassing concerns on the rise, there is a real
18 need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members:

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20 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
22 concurring therein, hereby encourage dog training programs and kennel clubs in Missouri to
23 provide training and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being "Canine Good
24 Citizens".