

1 AN ACT designating the state dog breed.

2 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a native Kentucky dog breed,  
3 developed in the 19th century by two Kentucky breeders named John W. Walker and  
4 George Washington Maupin; and

5 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a hunting breed known to chase  
6 quarry into trees, thus giving hunters a clear shot at game; and

7 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is known for hunting raccoons, but is  
8 also used for hunting other game, including animals ranging in size from small mammals  
9 to bears; and

10 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds are fast, sensible hunters with clear,  
11 ringing bugle voices; and

12 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds locate their quarry quickly by following  
13 the freshest scent available, and they also exhibit superb endurance; and

14 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds are also good companion dogs, known  
15 for loyalty and intelligence, their kindness to children, and the ability to get along with  
16 other dogs; and

17 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound became a recognized breed of the  
18 American Kennel Club in January 2012;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

21 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO  
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 ***The Treeing Walker Coonhound is named and designated as the official state dog of***  
24 ***Kentucky.***