

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 37/GA**

On page 1, line 23, after the word "coonhounds;" by adding:

" and

WHEREAS, animal shelters across the Commonwealth of Kentucky serve all 120 counties and care for tens of thousands of animals each year, most of which are dogs and cats being both purebred and mixed breeds; and

WHEREAS, more than 60,000 animals enter Kentucky shelters each year, placing substantial demands on local communities and their fiscal resources; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of animals in shelters or in the care of rescue organizations can lead to higher adoption rates for those purebred and mixed-breed animals; and

WHEREAS, many dogs, including breeds with deep Kentucky roots, purebreds, and mixed breeds alike, become loyal companions in homes across the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that as Kentucky designates an official state dog, that the General Assembly also recognizes the importance of promoting the adoption and responsible care of purebred and mixed-breed animals in shelters and in rescue organizations;"; and

On page 2, after line 2, by adding:

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

Domestic cats (*Felis catus*) and dogs (*Canis familiaris*), both purebred and mixed breeds alike,

Amendment No. HFA

Rep. Rep. Erika Hancock

Committee Amendment

Signed:

Floor Amendment

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that reside in or have been adopted from Kentucky animal shelters or rescue organizations are named and designated as the official pets of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."