

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, John W. Walker and George
4 Washington Maupin, in Madison County; 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 rodents to bears;
9 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 exhibit superb endurance; and

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

17 WHEREAS, the breed was originally known as the Walker Coonhound Treeing and
18 was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 1905 as a part of the English Coonhound
19 breed. The name was changed to Treeing Walker Coonhound as a separate breed in 1945;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound became a recognized breed of the
22 American Kennel Club in January 2012, and referenced by the AKC as "the people's
23 choice" among coonhounds;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

- 1 *The Treeing Walker Coonhound is named and designated as the official state dog of*
- 2 *Kentucky.*