

House of Representatives
Legislative Resolution

BY: Representative Businger

A resolution endorsing the "Canine Good Citizen" program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Massachusetts.

WHEREAS, Dogs play an important role in the lives of many Massachusetts citizens by serving as companions, therapy dogs, and assistance animals, and,

WHEREAS, 4-H dog programs can educate children at a time in their lives when they are open to ideas about humane care and training, and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that dog related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners, and

WHEREAS, Responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Massachusetts and responsible dog owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs, and

WHEREAS, American Kennel Club "CANINE GOOD CITIZEN" programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community, and

WHEREAS, With dog bites and animal issues a growing concern, there is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts

That the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts encourages training and education for dog owners that results in dogs being "Canine Good Citizens."

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