

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; 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 also 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 ability to get along with other  
16 dogs; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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