

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon and Oregonians love and care for their beloved pets; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, the Oregon Legislature designated rescue shelter dogs and cats as the official state pet (HCR 8); and
- WHEREAS:** No-kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy and treatable dog and cat in a shelter that can be saved and where at least 90% of the companion animals that enter a facility leaving that facility alive; and
- WHEREAS:** If just 6% more Oregonians seeking a pet choose to adopt from a shelter rather than to purchase, we could make Oregon the largest state to date with a save rate over 90%; and
- WHEREAS:** Adoption provides dogs and cats a second chance at life and helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters; promoting pet adoption supports animal welfare and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians should work together to ensure animal shelters have the support needed to save at least 90% of the animals entering their facilities, and shelters can achieve this in 2025 by employing programs such as foster homes; adoptions; education and awareness programs; and community cat programs.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim July 2025 to be

NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day June 18, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias J. Read".

Tobias Read, Secretary of State

