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## **Resolve, To Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities**

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Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford. Cosponsored by Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, LANDRY of Farmington, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

1	Sec. 1. Department to adopt rules regarding animal rescue entities.
2	<b>Resolved:</b> That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt
3	rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to rescue dog
4	operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned
5	multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes. Rules adopted pursuant to this
6	section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
7	chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
8	SUMMARY
9	This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to
10	adopt rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to rescue
11	dog operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned

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- dog operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes.