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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
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**Sec. 1. Department to adopt rules regarding animal rescue entities.**  
**Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to rescue dog operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

#### SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to rescue dog operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes.