



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**LOVE YOUR DOG MONTH**

*February 2022*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians love their life-enriching canine companions and in turn provide guardianship, grooming, and shelter as well as safeguards for their dogs' health and wellbeing; and*

*WHEREAS, responsible pet owners also follow Pennsylvania's dog laws, including the purchase of a yearly dog license required for every dog over the age of three months by the first of the year and by ensuring the administration and subsequent documentation of a rabies vaccine or booster to their dog; and*

*WHEREAS, these simple steps ensure the safety of animals and their families from the threat of rabies, the fatal viral infection of the central nervous system that is spread by infected animals; and*

*WHEREAS, the steps also provide valuable funding to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which helps to ensure the welfare of breeding dogs and puppies in commercial and breeding kennels, regulates dangerous dogs, oversees annual licensure and rabies vaccination of dogs, and supports animal shelters that accept stray dogs; and*

*WHEREAS, dog licenses are available from local county treasurers, many of whom offer online licensing and register other licensing agents at stores and veterinary offices; and*

*WHEREAS, licenses are affordable, and discounts are offered to owners of spayed or neutered dogs, older Pennsylvanians, and dog owners with disabilities.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 2022 LOVE YOUR DOG MONTH in recognition of the importance of responsible pet ownership and to increase public understanding about the laws regarding dog licensing in Pennsylvania. I urge all citizens to protect their pets by purchasing a dog license.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this eighth day of February two thousand twenty-two, and of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor