AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF DOGS AND CATS THAT ARE ADOPTED FROM COLORADO ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES AS THE STATE PETS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-80-910.5 as follows:

24-80-910.5. State pets. Dogs (Canis lupus familiaris) and cats (Felis catus) that are adopted from Colorado animal shelters and rescues are hereby made and declared to be the state pets of the state of Colorado.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 13, 2013

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.