

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 173

To proclaim the week of September 24 through September 30, 1995, as  
“National Dog Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1995

Mr. D’AMATO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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30, 1995, as “National Dog Week”.

Whereas dogs play an integral role in our lives, communities,  
and Nation, in good and bad times; and their present and  
future well-being in society requires education about re-  
sponsible dog ownership;

Whereas many assistance dogs provide valuable service as  
seeing eye dogs; hearing dogs; disabled assistance dogs;  
drug, bomb, and arson detection dogs; and for tracking  
and locating missing persons and fugitives;

Whereas the public good is advanced when we foster the ideas  
of canine good citizens by promoting the positive inter-  
action between dogs and society;

Whereas raising a canine good citizen is, first and foremost, an obligation of the owner;

Whereas dog owners must make conscientious efforts to develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise responsible dog ownership;

Whereas the decision to become a dog owner is an emotional and monetary long-term commitment which carries a tremendous responsibility;

Whereas dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times;

Whereas this proper care and treatment includes an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean and comfortable living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior;

Whereas dog ownership requires honesty about an owner's readiness and ability to be responsible for their canine companion;

Whereas this requires personal questioning about one's time commitments, desire for a dog and family situations;

Whereas the next component of choosing a canine companion involves educating oneself about obtaining a dog or puppy from a responsible source;

Whereas a responsible source will provide a prospective dog owner with appropriate information about the breed of dog, training, feeding, and care;

Whereas the Senate encourages people to be responsible dog owners and encourages people to recognize the positive

ramifications on society of promoting canine good citizens; and

Whereas the Senate encourages people to recognize the contributions that our canine companions make to all of us throughout the year: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate proclaims the week of Sep-  
2       tember 24–30, as “National Dog Week”.

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