

2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 80

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Wisconsin citizens by serving as companions and assistance and therapy dogs; and

Whereas, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

Whereas, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Wisconsin and responsible dog owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

Whereas, canine good citizen programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community; and

Whereas, the Canine Good Citizen Program which was developed by the American Kennel Club teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and animals, in both the home and the community; and

Whereas, with pet bites and animal trespassing concerns on the rise, there is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage dog training programs and kennel clubs to provide training and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being "Canine Good Citizens."

Senator Alan J. Lasee President of the Senate Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly

Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk

Date