



City of Raleigh
North Carolina

CHARLES MEEKER
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to foster interest in purebred dogs and to promote the health and welfare of purebred dogs and is the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world; and,

WHEREAS, The American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership through programs including AKC Canine Good Citizen, which certifies and rewards dogs with good manners at home and in the community, and AKC Companion Animal Recovery, a database of more than 2 million pets who have been permanently identified with a tattoo or microchip, as well as conducts educational outreach to the general public year round; and,

WHEREAS, The American Kennel Club established "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" on September 17th, the day of its founding, to promote all aspects of responsible dog ownership – safety around dogs for children, obedience training, spaying/neutering, licensing, leashing, exercise, veterinary care, etc. – which are essential to a happy and healthy bond between a dog and its family; and,

WHEREAS, more than 400 AKC-affiliated clubs, and other animal organizations across the country, recognize "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" and have committed to educating the public about responsible dog ownership through local events and demonstrations – every dog deserves a responsible, educated and respectful owner/family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles Meeker, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2006 as "**AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY**".

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 9th Day of September, 2006.

Charles Meeker, Mayor



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