

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the American Kennel Club (AKC) along with local all-breed and breed clubs, including Tampa Bay Kennel Club, the Pasco Florida Kennel Club and Clearwater Kennel Club were established to foster interest in purebred dogs, to promote public awareness and the welfare of dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Kennel Club and the above mentioned clubs promote responsible dog ownership through programs such as Canine Good Citizenship and permanent animal identification such as tattooing and microchipping; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Kennel Club, in conjunction with its founding on September 17, 1884, established AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day to promote all aspects of responsible dog ownership including proper veterinary care, safety around children, socialization of dogs, obedience training and licensing, all essential to a happy and healthy bond between a dog and his family; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of AKC members and licensed clubs, as well as other animal organizations across the country recognize AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and have committed to join the effort to educate the public about responsible dog ownership through local events and demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, believing that every dog deserves a responsible, educated, and respectful owner, Tampa bay area kennel clubs including the Tampa Bay Kennel Club, Pasco Florida Kennel Club, and Clearwater Kennel Club and several local breed clubs, with permission from AKC and in conjunction with AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, will host a free exhibit for the community at the Florida State Fair grounds on Saturday, September 15, 2012 to promote public education, safety for children, and responsible dog ownership.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim September 15, 2012 as

***“AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to take part in the activities planned to commemorate this occasion and to educate themselves on responsible dog ownership.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

