

Maine Gets Specialty Plate Featuring Pets

Proceeds from sales of the license plate will benefit state's Animal Welfare Program.

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A new animal welfare specialty plate has been created for the state of Maine. Last week, Gov. John Baldacci signed into law "An Act to Create the Support Animal Welfare Registration Plate."

The plate will benefit the state's Animal Welfare Program (AWP). Specifically, half of the of the proceeds from the plate will help fund animal cruelty and abuse investigations, and half will help fund Help Fix ME, Maine's spay/neuter program for low-income citizens.

The colorful plate displays a cat, dog, rabbit, horse and bird, with the words "Respect. Love. Adopt." The new plates are slated to be available for the public to buy Oct. 1.

Drivers will pay \$20 for the plate the first year and \$15 every year after that. There was a ceremonial re-signing with the governor Monday, May 11.