

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 759

AN ACT

To authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Beagle Brigade Act
3 of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DETECTOR DOG TRAINING CENTER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a National
6 Detector Dog Training Center (referred to in this Act as
7 the “Center”).

8 (b) DUTIES.—The Center shall have the following du-
9 ties:

10 (1) Training dogs for the purpose of safe-
11 guarding domestic agricultural and natural resources
12 from foreign and invasive pests and diseases.

13 (2) Training human handlers to successfully se-
14 lect and train dogs for the purpose described in
15 paragraph (1).

16 (3) Collaborating with relevant Federal agen-
17 cies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
18 to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural re-
19 sources.

20 (4) Collaborating with external stakeholders, in-
21 cluding State departments of agriculture, local and
22 county agricultural officials, private sector entities,
23 and other relevant non-Federal partners.

24 (5) Ensuring the health and welfare of all dogs
25 under the care of the Center, including by ensuring

1 access to necessary veterinary care, adequate shelter,
2 and proper nutrition.

3 (6) Providing opportunities for private adoption
4 of retirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not
5 complete training.

6 (7) Any other duties necessary to safeguard do-
7 mestic agricultural and natural resources from for-
8 eign and invasive pests and diseases, as determined
9 by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
10 Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health In-
11 spection Service.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

13 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through
15 the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
16 tion Service, shall submit to Congress a report that con-
17 tains—

18 (1) a description of current and emerging
19 threats to domestic agricultural and natural re-
20 sources from foreign pests and diseases within the
21 purview of the operations of the Center;

22 (2) an examination of the role that the Center
23 plays in the protection against foreign pests and dis-
24 eases;

1 (3) a description of improvements needed in
2 Federal programs to minimize threats from foreign
3 pests and diseases within the purview of the oper-
4 ations of the Center, including strengthened coordi-
5 nation among the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
6 tion Service, U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
7 and other relevant Federal agencies;

8 (4) recommendations to strengthen the capabili-
9 ties of the Center in protecting against foreign pests
10 and diseases; and

11 (5) recommendations to improve—

12 (A) the dog procurement procedures of the
13 Center; and

14 (B) private adoption opportunities for re-
15 tirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not
16 complete training.

Passed the Senate November 21, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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