

I am a resident of st.paul. please help our local animal humane society. Please.

My name is Xee Xiong and I live on Reaney Street in St. Paul. I am urging your support for the humane pet store ordinance that prohibits the pet store sale of dogs and cats while allowing pet stores to cohost adoption events with shelters and rescue groups. Thank you.

Xee Xiong

Hi my name is Therese. I live in Macalester-Groveland, St. Paul. I firmly believe animals should be treated humanely and that rarely occurs in a society that allows companies to make ridiculous amounts of money off of animals with little regulation. That's why I support the Humane Pet Store Ordinance. It really seems like common sense. Please consider this.

-Therese M.

Hi council member,

I live at 1253 st clair ave. Please support the humane pet store ordinance on December 5.

Thank you!

Kristin Seaman

Good evening Council,

Thank you for your continued work and focus on Pet Store Ordinances and 'sales.' I am urging you to support the humane pet store ordinance that prohibits the pet store sale of dogs and cats while allowing pet stores to co-host adoption vents with shelters and rescue groups.

I personally have adopted and fostered dogs that are puppy mill survivors, and I can't begin to tell you the horrors of what they were put through. My most recent family member, Etta (picture attached), was in a puppy mill for nine years. Nine years! Many of the mothers' bodies give out before then, but Ms. Etta is a fighter. She hasn't allowed the physical and mental abuse to break her spirit, and she still manages to give us a little more trust each day. The second photo I've attached shows the work we still have to do with Etta. Although we have her trust, humans are scary. She cannot be on a leash (yet) and we have to catch her every time we let her out to go potty. It is a painstaking process, especially with our winter. That being said, Etta is one of the lucky ones.

With thousands of animals available for adoption locally, there is no place for pet store sales and puppy mills. I am writing this plea in hopes of changing the lives of innocent beings who cannot advocate for themselves.

I hope to join you for the public hearing this week. Thank you again for the time,



Chelsea

My name is Miriam Gerberg and I live on Banfil Street in St. Paul. I am a city resident, taxpayer, property-owner and animal lover.

I am asking you to support the humane pet store ordinance that prohibits the pet store sale of dogs and cats while allowing pet stores to co-host adoption events with shelters and rescue groups. There are so many good reasons for this kind of ordinance including helping achieving the milestone of no abandoned pets, no-kill shelters and animal control.

Thank you.

Miriam Gerberg

From: Four Paws and a Tail [<mailto:contact@fpaat.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 4:44 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Retail Puppy Ban

The Honorable St. Paul City Council,

Please allow me to present my opinion regarding the proposed ban on the retail sales of puppies in the city of St. Paul. As the only pet store in the Twin Cities still offering puppies for sale, I have insight not otherwise available. Take a moment to consider the unintended consequences of barring *all* qualified, reputable full-line pet store businesses from your city in the future. You are removing the choices available to your constituents. Many customers are aware of the current controversies surrounding retail pets, wish to consider their options, and should have the right to choose the breed, gender and age of their next pet from a variety of sources. A pet store puppy may or may not fit the needs of each family. Perhaps a dog directly from a breeder is a better idea. The rescue industry now outnumbers all other options and is readily available if that presents the best choice. We trust a family to know what suits them best.

As a long-time, responsible business, we have serviced the entire metro area for over 40 years. A reputable store like ours with an A+ BBB rating can prosper as a business, care for our pups and customers looking for a small-breed, non-shedding puppy from a reputable source. The website <https://www.petstorepuppies.com> has an overview of the current pet industry. Gone are the nasty "puppy mills", now replaced with open, clean kennels, high standards and respect to the breeders for the incredible job they do. Although I opt to source my puppies from breeders I personally know and have visited, and have my puppies delivered directly to the store, the principles shown apply to all professional pet stores. We must satisfy our customers with healthy puppies to continue. Over a third of our sales are repeat customers or referrals.

Think back several decades to the days of a unregulated pet industry and the few bad actors who prompted the current consumer protection laws. The Lemon Law <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=325f.791> governs the requirements of a retail sale. Since 2014, the MN Board of Animal Health regularly inspects larger breeding facilities with more than 10 dogs <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=347.57>. These laws have given people in MN confidence that their pet store puppy comes from an inspected source and recourse is available if the puppy becomes ill. These common-sense safeguards would be abandoned, as they do not apply to rescue dogs. I don't think that we should step backward.

In 2013, the city of Shakopee was forced to deal with a substandard pet store, while trying to protect another. They passed an ordinance that was simple, but effective. It cost the taxpayer nothing and set standards for any future pet store interested in opening in their city.

[http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Minnesota/shakopee_mn/cityofshakopeeminn_esotacodeofordinances?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:shakopee_mn](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Minnesota/shakopee_mn/cityofshakopeeminn_esotacodeofordinances?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:shakopee_mn)

I write this letter in defense of a principle, not an existing business. A well-run store offering locally bred family-friendly puppies from a healthy environment to the families in your neighborhoods is an asset to your community. While currently popular, rescues are exempt from these consumer protection measures, offer dogs with unknown histories and give the buyer little recourse if dissatisfied.

By passing this new ordinance, you aren't addressing a bad store. You are applying old, biased information to an industry that does not exist in your community with the idea you will be more humane. Please look to the future. The unregulated, out-of-state sources will eventually evaporate, leaving no more pets and, finally, we will return to our current model - quality breeders, quality retailers. Why should you deprive your community of these choices today?

Respectfully,
Kristin Smith
Four Paws and a Tail

From: Alice Engelman [<mailto:aliceengelman@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 5:48 PM
To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Humane animal ordinance

I've been told this is on the agenda for the December 5 council meeting. I can't attend the meeting but I am a huge animal lover and therefore urging you to support this ordinance which will prohibit stores from selling dogs and cats from puppy and kitten mills. Conditions at those places routinely range from poor to god-awful. No animal should live like that. Any action to shut them down is a step in the right direction .

At the same time I support the part of the ordinance which will allow stores to continue to host pet adoption events featuring animals from respected rescue organizations like The Humane Society.

Thank you.

Alice Engelman
1355 Osceola Ave

Hello congress person,

I am a St. Paul resident, have been for over 10 years now, and I fully support the humane pet store ordinance. I currently foster both cats and dogs through Ruff Start Rescue, so I see first hand what over breeding does. Not only do I have some inbred cats with physical deformities, but dogs that were dumped for what I assuming is going potty in the house. There are ENOUGH animals to go around, we do not need more, especially not from dirty puppy mills. Last I heard, there are 7 animals in need of a home for each PERSON in the US. Please do the right thing and stop this breeding!

Thank you,
Annette Pallesen

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Zellers and I am a resident of Ward 1. I am writing in support of the Humane Pet Store Ordinance that would prohibit the pet store sale of dogs and cats while allowing pet stores to cohost adoption events with shelters and rescue groups.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Zellers
1577 Ashland Ave

St. Paul City Council,

I would like the city of St. Paul to adopt the pet store ordinance banning the sale of puppy mill animals, and instead, hosting adoption events. This would be a great thing for the city of St. Paul to do, and hopefully all cities will follow.

Thank you,
Theresa Salchert-Keller

Dear Council Members:

My name is Andrea Wollenberg and I live in Ward 1 in St. Paul. I am urging you to support the humane pet store ordinance that prohibits the pet store sale of dogs and cats while allowing pet stores to co-host adoption events with shelters and rescue groups.

I have had cats all my life, all adopted. Adoption fosters love for our furry friends.

Thank you.

Andrea Wollenberg

Dear Council President Brendmoen and Council members,

On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society and our Minnesota members, please find attached a letter in support of Ordinance 18-63 to restrict the retail sale of dogs and cats

in St. Paul pet stores. Also attached are a few resource documents that you may find helpful.

Best Friends is one of the leading animal welfare organizations in the United States. We are committed to fighting the cruelty of pet mills, and we believe that an ordinance to restrict retail pet sales in St. Paul will be an important, positive step to that end.

We have been proud to work with the majority of more than [300 communities](#) that have enacted retail pet sales ordinances, as well as the recently enacted California and Maryland statewide retail pet sales bans, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Thank you very much in advance for your support of this important proposal.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Oreck
National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives
Best Friends Animal Society



Jurisdictions with St. Paul Pet Sales AKC Breeders Code Dr. Frank McMillan JAVMA Pet Store
Retail Pet Sales Ban: Ordinance Letter Deof Ethics re Pet Store Executive Summary F Puppies Study.pdf

| Responsible vs. Irresponsible | |
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| Responsible/Hobby Breeders | Puppy Mills/Backyard Breeders |
| Breed for love/improvement of breed | Breed solely for profit |
| Screen for genetic defects | Do not screen for genetic defects |
| Have a small number of dogs | Have a large number of dogs |
| Usually breed only one breed | Breed multiple breeds |
| Only sell directly to buyer | Will sell to 3 rd parties (pet stores, brokers, online) |
| Usually spay & neuter | Do not spay & neuter |
| Dog can always be returned to breeder | Dogs cannot be returned |
| Dogs generally live in the home | Dogs do not live in the home |
| Typically breed only once a year | Typically breed every cycle |
| Will allow you to see where dogs are raised | Will not allow you to visit facility |