



RETAIL PET SALE BANS

Pet sale bans protect consumers and companion animals alike.

What is a retail pet sale ban?

These bans end the commercial sale of dogs and cats in pet stores. Stores continue to sell products and supplies like food, treats, gear, and more. Some pet stores convert to an adoption-based model where shelter animals are available for adoption.

We don't have puppy mills here.

Why does my community need a retail pet sale ban?

Puppy mills can be anywhere. While the highest number of mills are in Pennsylvania and Missouri, they exist across the United States. In any case, almost all puppies sold in pet stores come from puppy mills regardless of the store's location.

Puppy mills are commercial breeding operations where dogs are repeatedly bred, many in horrific conditions. If pet stores stop selling dogs from mills, demand would decrease and fewer puppy mills would exist.

What are the benefits of retail pet sale bans?

Puppy mills are a national problem, but they also have direct negative impacts on your local animal control and economy. Puppy mills are also a consumer protection issue. Many pet stores advertise their puppies as coming from "family breeders," when they're really from puppy mills. This fraud is so common that some legislatures have passed "puppy lemon laws" to protect consumers.

Have other communities passed retail pet sale bans?

Yes, hundreds of cities and counties have banned the sale of commercially-bred dogs and cats in pet stores. In 2016 alone, the following major cities or counties have passed bans: Sarasota County, FL; Boston, MA; Las Vegas, NV; Philadelphia, PA.



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