

ORDINANCE NO. _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN PET STORES

WHEREAS Chapter 111 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances gives the City authority to regulate the sale of live animals; and

WHEREAS it is in the interests of the people of the Stamford to ensure that dogs and cats are raised in safe, humane conditions while waiting for adoption; and

WHEREAS there are many dogs and cats being held at the Stamford Animal Control Center that are in need of good home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that Chapter 111, Public Safety and Animal Welfare, of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances be appended as follows:

Chapter 111-14. - Prohibition of sale of dogs and cats from commercial pet stores.

A. *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

Pet shop. Any place at which animals not born and raised on the premises are kept for the purpose of sale to the public;

Animal welfare organization. A nonprofit organization that has: (1) Tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and (2) a mission and practice of rescuing animals and placing such animals in permanent homes. "Animal welfare organization" does not include any organization that obtains animals from a breeder or broker in exchange for payment or compensation;

Breeder. Any person who breeds or raises dogs to sell, exchange or otherwise transfer to the public; and

Broker. Any person who transfers dogs for resale by another person.

B. *Prohibition on sale of dogs or cats by pet shops.*

No owner or operator of a pet shop shall offer for sale, adoption, transfer or advertise the sale, barter, auction or give away of any dog or cat, provided nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the owner or operator of any such pet shop from collaborating with an animal welfare organization or any municipal animal control agency to offer space for such organization or agency to display dogs or cats available for adoption from such organization or agency.