



Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill

From Jessica Barnes <Jessica@luckydogrefuge.com>

Date Sun 11/2/2025 11:49 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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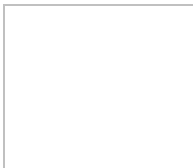
Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Jessica Barnes

26 Whitmore Lane
Stamford CT
06902

607-222-1270

Jessica Barnes
Director
Lucky Dog Refuge
203-434-1402



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YES on LR31.072

From Marion Hamilton <samham@optonline.net>

Date Sun 11/2/2025 2:46 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Hello,

I'm writing today as a 29-year Stamford resident and concerned citizen.

Please vote YES on LR31.072 to ban the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops! Stamford HAS to make a BOLD statement to these puppy mills and unscrupulous breeders that their practices are not acceptable in our city. The pipeline of misery that these animals endure - especially the 'mother' dogs who rot in cages pumping out litter after litter is horrific.

I know we can do this but we need your votes!

Thank you,
Marion Hamilton
540 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford

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Outlook

Please help stop pet stores from selling animals!

From maggnet1@aol.com <maggnet1@aol.com>

Date Sun 11/2/2025 3:00 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Please SUPPORT ordinance LR31.072, to stop the support of the puppy mill industry. I have been asking former Rep. David Michel about this for years. Now that we finally will soon have a beautiful new shelter, Stamford needs to stand up to this practice we we can ADOPT don't shop! Let's make our message of animal welfare consistent and one we can be proud of!

Sincerely,

Maggie Pisani
61 Seaview Ave
Stamford, CT

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Please support ordinance LR31.072 re: pet shop sales

From Peter Dowling <peterdowling@optonline.net>

Date Sun 11/2/2025 3:47 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Cc 'Deborah Dowling' <deborahdowling@optonline.net>

To: Stamford Board of Reps
From: Peter & Deborah Dowling
63 Mohawk Trail, Stamford

We're writing to strongly encourage you to support city ordinance LR31.072, which would block the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in Stamford pet shops. There are far too many pet shops in our area that sell pets acquired from "puppy mills."

- Puppy mills are commercial dog breeding facilities that prioritizes profit over the health and welfare of their dogs, often keeping them in poor living conditions and breeding them continuously. These facilities typically produce puppies at a high volume, leading to various health and behavioral issues in the animals.
- Dogs and cats are widely available from dozens of animal shelters and rescue organizations in Fairfield County.

Your implementation of ordinance LR31.072 would stop Stamford pet shops from selling "puppy mill" dogs, protect consumers from deceptive sales tactics and the sale of sick puppies, and promote humane and responsible pet acquisition.

Sincerely,
Peter & Deborah Dowling

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From Christopher Cote <ccc880@gmail.com>

Date Sun 11/2/2025 5:29 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

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Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Cote
100 Commons Park n #317
Stamford, ct 06902
(203) 247-6887

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Please vote YES on LR31.072

From Vegard Nygaard <vnygaard@millermotorcars.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 7:25 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Good morning,

PLEASE vote YES to ban the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops! Stamford must make a BOLD statement to these puppy mills and unscrupulous breeders that we will STOP the pipeline of misery that these animals endure! It's heartbreaking and inhumane to force dogs to pump out litter after litter and then allow them to die in a cage.

I know we can do this but we need your YES vote! What possible greedy and mercenary reason could there be for you to vote any other way?

Please do the right thing!

18 Rachelle Ave.
Stamford CT 06905

Vegard Nygaard

Parts Specialist

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Vote Yes LR31.072

From Jennifer Henkind <jhenkind@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 7:39 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear BOR,

Please vote yes to LR31.072 banning the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops.

Be a part of stopping the cruel and inhumane treatment of these innocent sentient animals.

Thank you for caring for all living creatures.

Jennifer Henkind

48 Eastover Rd

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From Danya Taub <danyataub@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 10:30 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

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Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Danya Taub

71 Blueberry Drive

Stamford, CT 06902

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Please support Ordinance LR31.072.

From Toni Reesh <trfriends2014@gmail.com>**Date** Mon 11/3/2025 11:05 AM**To** J Rep Corey Paris <Corey.Paris@cga.ct.gov>; J Sen Patricia Miller <miller@senatedems.ct.gov>; BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Hello,

Honorable President of the Board Nina Sherwood, Majority Leader Virgil De La Cruz, Minority Leader Mary Fedeli, and to the rest of the honorable members of the Board

I am testifying in strong support of the ordinance banning the sale of dogs and cats from USDA-registered breeding facilities, which are, by every practical measure, puppy mills operating under outdated and inadequate standards.

Much Love and Joy to you!

Toni Rishar
1515 Summer St, Unit 601
Stamford, CT 06902
203.912.3394

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From Julie Magner <jdm05007@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 1:10 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

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Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Magner

79 Mayflower Ave, Stamford, CT 06906

JDM05007@gmail.com

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VOTE YES ON LR31.072

From Delaineey Sheehan <delaineysheehan@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 3:41 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Please vote yes on bill LR31.072

Delaineey Sheehan
295 Wildwood Rd
Stamford CT 06903

There is absolutely no need for puppy stores in the state of CT. Animal shelters are overflowing with homeless, broken and neglected animals. The less puppy stores there are the more people are willing to adopt not shop. Please do your part in saving these animals lives and being apart of the right movement.

Thank you in advance,

Delaineey Sheehan
203•609•1869

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Please Vote YES on Ordinance LR31.072 – Humane Pet Shops

From Eneida Lewis <eneidalewis13@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 6:41 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Members of the Board of Representatives,

My name is Eneida Lewis, and I am a Stamford resident. I am writing to express my strong support for Ordinance LR31.072, which would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops.

This ordinance represents an important step toward ending the inhumane puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline and promoting ethical, humane practices in our community. No animal should suffer in confinement or be bred under cruel conditions for profit. By voting “YES” on LR31.072, you can help make Stamford a leader in compassion and responsible pet business practices.

Thank you for considering this issue and for your service to our city.

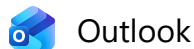
Sincerely,

Eneida Lewis

1011 Washington Blvd Unit 504

Stamford, CT 06901

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Fwd: Legal representation

From Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 7:07 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>; BOR_OfficeStaff <BOR_OfficeStaff@StamfordCT.gov>

Please see below email from Amy Jesse, Public Policy Director of Humane World for Animals, regarding LR.31072.

Board office please make this correspondence a part of the public record.

Thank you,

Nina Sherwood
President
Stamford Board of Representatives
Proudly Representing District 8
(203) 554-1485
nsherwood@stamfordct.gov

Nina Sherwood
Majority Leader
Stamford Board of Representatives
Proudly Representing District 8
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Annie Hornish <ahornish@humaneworld.org>

Subject: Fw: Legal representation

Date: November 3, 2025 at 6:50:14 PM EST

To: "Sherwood, Nina" <nsherwood@stamfordct.gov>

From: Amy Jesse <ajesse@humaneworld.org>

Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 4:07 PM

To: nsherwood@stamfordCT.gov <nsherwood@stamfordCT.gov>; pberns@stamfordct.gov <pberns@stamfordct.gov>
Cc: Annie Hornish <ahornish@humaneworld.org>
Subject: Legal representation

Dear Chair Berns and Representative Sherwood,

Thank you for voting to move the humane pet store ordinance forward last Monday evening, and for the fruitful discussion on this important issue.

I am writing to follow up on some questions that were raised last Monday, and the request of my colleague, Annie Hornish, to ensure Stamford has legal representation in the unlikely event that the city faces a lawsuit challenging the humane pet store ordinance.

First, I have good news to share. A senior partner at Holland & Knight — [Keith Carroll](#) — has agreed to represent Stamford pro bono, should anyone file suit challenging the ordinance as preempted by state law. Mr. Carroll has extensive business and government litigation experience in Connecticut, and clerked for the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Second, I want to reiterate that my colleagues and I are committed to ensuring Stamford's pet store ordinance meets its animal welfare and consumer protection goals. Should the ordinance be challenged in court, our legal team stands ready to assist in its defense in whatever way is most beneficial to the case, and to the extent allowed by the court. Potential ways we could help include joining the lawsuit as a party/additional defendant (requiring court approval of intervenor status), submitting a "friend of the court" brief to make our legal case for upholding the ordinance (requiring court approval of amicus status), and/or assisting the defense team by providing our extensive issue and legal expertise. We have played each of these roles in defense of similar laws across the nation and have an impressive track record. *Humane pet store laws have been challenged in federal and state courts and have never been struck down.*

Please ensure this ordinance becomes law, utilizing Stamford's home rule authority to do right by pets and families. I'm looking forward to Wednesday's vote, and am here for any questions beforehand.

Sincerely,

Amy Jesse

Public Policy Director, Puppy Mills

ajesse@humaneworld.org

240-753-2428

humaneworld.org



Together, we tackle the root causes of animal cruelty and suffering to create permanent change. Stay up to date with our work to help animals and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#) and subscribe to our [blog](#).

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Vote yes on LR31.072!

From Tara Carberry <tara.carberry@gmail.com>
Date Mon 11/3/2025 9:14 PM
To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Hello- My name is Tara Carberry and I am a Stamford resident living at 130 Tresser Blvd, Apt 326. Please vote YES on LR31.072! I support finally banning the cruel puppy mill pipeline in Stamford and would be proud to live in a city that chooses compassion and care for companion animals.

Thank you,
Tara

Tara Carberry
203.807.2629

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From Amy Shiying Wang <amyshiyingwang@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,
Shiying Wang

850 Pacific Street, Stamford, CT 06902

Amy Shiying Wang

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From Nicholas DiNino <nickdinino@gmail.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 11:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Nicholas DiNino
880 Pacific St, Apt 1307, Stamford, CT 06902
nickdinino@gmail.com

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Humane Pet Shops

From Honor Simeone <honor_simeone@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 11:55 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

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Sincerely,
Honor Simeone
916 Hope St
Stamford, CT

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