
Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill

From Pamela Chadwick <pvmchadwick@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 7:17 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

As a Stamford resident, I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on Ordinance LR31.072, which would ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops. This important legislation will help end the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline to our city and protect consumers from predatory financing and deceptive marketing.

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

Sincerely,
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Pamela Chadwick | 914-589-3727 | pvmchadwick@gmail.com

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From dianne allie <aquaman1966@hotmail.com>

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Sincerely,
Dianne Allie
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Please vote YES on Ordinance LR31.072

From Animals- R-Family <animalsrfamilyinc@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 9:09 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>; Mayor's Office <MayorsOffice@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Mayor Simmons and Board of Reps,

I am writing to ask you to vote **YES on Ordinance LR31.072**, which would ban the sale of puppies, kittens, and rabbits in pet stores.

These animals come from cruel and barbaric puppy and kitten mills, where they suffer unimaginable torture and abuse. Puppy mills keep dogs crammed into tiny wire crates stacked to the ceiling and the ones above defecate and urinate on the ones below. The breeding animals never leave their cages, never see sunlight, never feel grass beneath their feet, and never experience kindness or care. When they can no longer reproduce, they are drowned or buried alive. The puppies born in these abusive puppy mills suffer from medical and behavioral problems due to the neglect and trauma they endure.

Puppy mills are barbaric and cruel. Stamford must take a stand against this suffering.

Many statesincluding New York, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Washington have already enacted puppy mill bans, along with more than 300 U.S. cities and counties. It is time for Stamford to join them in saying NO to the torture and exploitation of innocent animals.

People who wish to bring a new pet into their home can do so responsibly through reputable breeders or by adopting from rescues and shelters.

Please, **vote YES on Ordinance LR31.072**, and help end the sale of puppy mill animals in Stamford.

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

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From Jason Schreiber <jpschreiber76@gmail.com>
Date Wed 11/5/2025 11:20 AM
To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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Sincerely,

Jason Schreiber

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From jenner1026 <jenner1026@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 11:27 AM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>; Simmons, Caroline <CSimmons@StamfordCT.gov>

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives and Mayor Simmons,

As a Stamford resident, I'm writing to urge you to vote YES TODAY on Ordinance LR31.072, which would ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops. This important legislation will help end the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline, protect consumers from deceptive practices and sick puppy sales, and promote humane, ethical pet businesses in our community.

No pet shop needs to sell live animals to be profitable, and no resident needs a pet shop to find the pet of their choice. PLEASE stand with Stamford residents who care about animal welfare and consumer protection by supporting Ordinance LR31.072.

This is the time to make a change!

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

Best,

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Vote YES

From Susan Chandler <fidelitellc@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 2:51 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Please vote YES on LR31.072 to protect all animals from abuse and puppy mills, pet store sales.

These precious animals deserve better and it is our responsibility to assist and help!!

Thank you,

Sue Chandler

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Voting YES!

From Kaitlyn Gray <kaitlyngray562@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 3:16 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Hello my name is Kaitlyn Gray and I reside at 200 Willowbrook Ave, Stamford, CT 06902. I vote yes! Ban puppy mill production!

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My LR31.072 Vote

From Phillip, Nazarae <wel25001@uconn.edu>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 4:29 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

Good afternoon,

Hello, my name is Nazarae Phillip and I am a freshman attending UCONN Stamford. I currently reside in 900 Washington Blvd, Apt. 518, Stamford CT 06901. It has been brought to my attention by the Huskies For Charity club that there is a vote being held against the puppy mill. I would like to vote "Yes", please and thank you!

Thank you for your time,
Nazarae Phillip :)

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From Joan Burnett <jburnett1922@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 4:43 PM

To BOR_AllReps <BOR_AllReps@StamfordCT.gov>

My name is Joan Burnett and I live at 59 Willowbrook Ave., Stamford, CT

I am writing to ask you to please **vote YES on LR31.072**.

The reasons for my support and why I urge you to vote yes follow:

Over my 30-plus years of living in Stamford, I have adopted two (2) dogs (one in 2001 and another in 2005) and one (1) bird directly from Stamford Animal Care and Control ("SACC") - these two dogs were both purebred American Cocker Spaniels. There are many breeds of dogs available for adoption in animal shelters - no one needs to go to a pet store to buy an expensive puppy sourced from goodness knows where, when they could help an animal in need. The excuses of "oh I want a particular breed" or "oh I don't know how big it will be" do not hold water - you can find any breed you want if you only take a minute to search the internet.

I also have a first-hand pet store story to tell you:

I adopted another American Cocker Spaniel through OPIN (Outreach to Pets in Need), and organization that used to work closely with SACC. That cocker spaniel, named Dudley, had been rescued from a well-known local pet store - he was a puppy for sale but was very sickly. The pet store planned to send him back to the "breeder" (read: puppy mill) but luckily a good Samaritan was able to convince the pet store owner to hand him over so he could get the medical help he needed. He was then given to OPIN so that they could fund his care and find an appropriate home for him. We were asked to foster him once he was well enough to leave Rippowam Animal Hospital's kind care after 3 + weeks. Now 11.5 years later and he is about to turn 12 and is healthy and leading a wonderful life with us (foster fail) - but we had to initially spend thousands of dollars on his vet care when he was a puppy because he was in such bad condition from his time at the pet store.

These pet stores do not care where their dogs come from or where they go after they sell them. My vet told me that she had a client who purchased a dog from the same pet store where Dudley came from and the person was told the puppy was one breed, but it was actually a different breed. These people have no scruples, and it is our responsibility to not only protect the animals that end up in their storefronts, but also to give animals who, for whatever reason, end up at animal shelters or with rescue organizations, a chance for a good home.

My point is this:

Tens of thousands of animals are euthanized every year because people walk into pet stores and purchase what they perceive as superior animals. Stamford is an enlightened city with many dedicated animal lovers and we want to see this disturbing trend of new storefronts opening up with animals sitting in their windows waiting to be sold (see Smart Puppies which opened on Summer a few years ago). I'm also sure if you asked Tilford and his team at SACC, they'd say they have many wonderful pets that come through their doors every year that deserve good homes. I

If you made it this far, then thank you so much for sticking with me.

Please vote YES on LR31.072.

Joan Burnett

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Please Ban the Sale of Puppies, Cats and Dogs

From Linda Arpino, MA,RDN,CDN <linda.arpino@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 6:21 PM

To Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>

To The Honorable President of the Board Nina Sherwood, and to the rest of the honorable members of the Board,

My name is **Linda Arpino**, and as a resident of Stamford, CT, I wish to testify my strong support for an ordinance banning the sale of dogs and cats from USDA-registered breeding facilities.

After the hearing on this issue in 2019, I, appalled, that this was not passed. As a volunteer for Humane World (formerly The Humane Society of the United States), I learned that the stores selling pets source their animals from brokers for the puppy mill industry. In fact, I went into two of the stores in Stamford and every single cage had listed on their tags names of notorious puppy mills from where the animals came. **Please verse yourself in the treatment of animals raised for profits.**

It is known that the mothers of these dogs are confined throughout their lifetime in cages, often in filthy conditions, with little or no vet care. They are treated merely as breeding machines until they are spent. Their paws become deformed as many languish in metal cages, often stacked one on top of the other, left in their own feces. No animal should be treated this way.

What I found particularly distressing about the situation in Stamford is that despite the fact that the vast majority of board members voted for the ordinance, it did not go through. One lobbyist for the heinous puppy mill industry placed a call to the CT Department of Agriculture and all was suspended. In essence, profits became the priority over the complete disregard for the extreme cruelty and suffering of the animals. That is a shameful stain on Stamford.

Please don't let this happen again. More than eight states and over 500 U.S. localities have already enacted bans to restrict retail pet-store sales of dogs/cats/rabbits sourced from commercial breeders. It's time for Connecticut to find its conscience and do the same. Our neighboring state NY has pushed them out so can we!

Sincerely,
Linda Arpino
21 Criag Court
Stamford, CT 06903

To The Honorable President of the Board Nina Sherwood, and to the rest of the honorable members of the Board,

My name is Pat Harmon, and as a former resident of Stamford, CT, I wish to testify my strong support for an ordinance banning the sale of dogs and cats from USDA-registered breeding facilities.

I attended the hearing on this issue in 2019 and was, quite frankly, appalled, that this was not passed. As a volunteer for Humane World (formerly The Humane Society of the United States), I learned that the stores selling pets source their animals from brokers for the puppy mill industry. In fact, I went into two of the stores in Stamford and every single cage had listed on their tags names of notorious puppy mills from where the animals came.

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Pat Harmon
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From Bryce F. <bfortran@gmail.com>

Date Wed 11/5/2025 7:56 PM

To Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>

Hello Representatives,

Thanks for giving me a chance to speak my mind for a bit.

My name is Bryce Fortran. I am a resident of Stamford, and I'm emailing in support of the "Humane Pet Store Ordinance," because these animals need a voice.

We need these businesses operating in Stamford to change their practices. The businesses in Stamford that sell puppies claim to get them from "only the best" USDA facilities, which have ~incredibly~ low standards, or go through brokers to hide the fact that they buy from puppy mills. All these pet stores are participating in this cruel industry. When money is the motive, animal care comes in second. The good thing is that the small number of affected businesses can join other stores in the area, like Petco and PetSmart, and make a living from selling pet products, accessories, and services like grooming to complement their adoption programs. They have proven the business model works, and there is no need to sell puppy mill puppies or kittens.

We all know we've tried to move us forward at the state level, but because of special interests, we failed. Please don't listen to them yourself, and work with your fellow residents and neighbors instead.

I also want to speak for the future pet owners and the young children who will one day experience the joy of adding a new family member. These pets often go home with illnesses and behavioral problems as a result of these puppy mills. Whose family wants to go through that as their first experience with their new pet?! Or worse, have to give up their new family member due to behavioral and mental problems? This is the reason why our shelters are filled to the max, and everyone involved suffers.

If there were other businesses in Stamford doing any other sort of exploitation to make a buck, Stamford residents would push for them to change their ways too, especially when there exists a viable, alternative business model and there are so many pets that are stuck in shelters or worse yet, euthanized needlessly. Please, please, support the Humane Pet Store Ordinance and take a stand for all of us, and I'll surely be the first to embrace these stores once they start helping animals instead of hurting them, and I mean that.

Thank you.

Bryce Fortran

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