

From: [Barbara J. Bentley](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Override the Veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 7:36:28 AM

Dear Members of the Board of Representatives,

I am a Stamford resident, and I am asking you to please override the Mayor's veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008.

I want Stamford to protect animals and families by ending the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores. Connecticut is a home rule state, and Stamford has the power to act.

Thank you,

Barbara J Bentley
237 Strawberry Hill Ave #28
Stamford CT. 06902

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From: [jennifer.armstrong](#)
To: [BOR_AllReps](#)
Subject: Humane pet shop ordinance
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 9:54:45 AM

Dear Members of the Board of Representatives,

I am a Stamford resident, and a dog lover and I am asking you to please consider overriding the Mayor's veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008.

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Thank you,

Jennifer Armstrong
73 Pershing Ave
Stamford, CT 06905

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From: [Julianna Spievack](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Cc: [Chris Cunningham](#)
Subject: Override Veto of Humane Pet Shop Ordinance
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:01:05 AM

Hello - I am a Stamford resident who cares about animals. Please override the veto of the humane pet shop ordinance.

Thank you,
Julianna and Chris Cunningham
59 Davenport Drive
Stamford CT 06902

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From: [Joanne Butler](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Override the Veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 1:31:54 PM

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Joanne Butler

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From: [Emily Rakos](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Override the Veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 4:13:24 PM

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Thank you,

Emily Rakos

50 Forest St, Stamford, CT

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From: [Marcia Kane Beaulieu](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Override the veto!
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 4:30:32 PM

I am highly suspicious of Stamford's mayor for vetting the law to ban pet mills and sales of such poor animals through pet stores. What possible legitimate reasons could there be for such a veto?

Please vote to override the veto to save the animals from cruelty and consumers from the fraud.

Thank you.

Marcia Beaulieu

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From: [Valerie DeVito](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072/32.008
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 6:59:26 PM

Board of Reps,

I am asking that you please override Mayor Simmons veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072/32.008. The inhuman treatment of dogs by backyard breeder that get shipped from other states and SOLD in pet shops has to end. These poor dogs suffer tremendously with how they are bred (please take the time to google backyard breeders). Besides the horrible way they are treated they are usually sick and interbred which causes behavioral problems and these dogs end up getting dumped and end up in our City municipal shelter if they are lucky enough.

Please do the right and humane thing.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Valerie DeVito

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [James Stack](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Override Veto of Humane Pet Shop Ordinance
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 7:16:12 PM

James Stack
150 Southfield Ave
Apt 1328
Stamford CT 06902
Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Shelley Quintano](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Urgent
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 7:48:22 PM

PLEASE OVERRIDE THE MAYOR'S VETO OF HUMANE PET SHOP Ordinance # LR31.072/LR32.008.

THERE IS ONLY ONE HUMANE STANCE TO TAKE ON THIS ISSUE.

PLEASE.

DO THE RIGHT THING.
I PROMISE YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID

Shelley Quintano
[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

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From: [Colleen Scott](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Puppy mill veto
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 8:10:38 PM

Please override the Mayor's veto on LR31.072 /Ordinance 1321, the Humene Pet Shop ordinance. *Stamford has home rule authority to pass this.* Should it be challenged in court, Humane World attorneys stand ready to assist the city in its legal defense.

Colleen Scott

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From: [Robert Gordon](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
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Thank you,

Robert Gordon

355 Atlantic Street 19F

Stamford Ct 06901

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From: [Jillian Grossman](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Override the Veto of the Humane Pet Shop Ordinance LR31.072 / LR32.008
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Jillian Grossman

50 Forest Street Apt 605
Stamford, CT 06901

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From: [Laura Talbot](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Pet Stores
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 11:41:29 PM

Dear Stamford Board Members,

Pet store animal sales often contribute to unethical breeding practices, particularly through large-scale commercial breeders commonly known as “puppy mills.” These operations prioritize profit over animal welfare, frequently keeping animals in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions with inadequate medical care or socialization. Even when pet stores claim their animals come from “reputable breeders,” investigations have shown that supply chains can be difficult to verify and may still involve inhumane practices. Banning retail sales helps reduce demand for these systems and discourages breeding that causes unnecessary suffering.

Another concern is animal overpopulation. Millions of dogs, cats, and small animals enter shelters every year, and many are euthanized simply because there are not enough homes. Pet store sales compete directly with shelters and rescues that are already struggling to place healthy, adoptable animals. Encouraging adoption instead of retail sales helps save lives and shifts the focus toward giving homes to animals that already exist rather than continually breeding more.

Pet store animals are also more likely to suffer from health and behavioral problems due to poor early-life conditions, early separation from their mothers, and inadequate socialization. Families who purchase these animals may face unexpected veterinary bills or behavioral challenges, leading to stress for both the pet and the owner. When adoptions go through shelters or responsible rescues, animals are often evaluated, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered, which leads to better outcomes for everyone involved.

Finally, banning pet store animal sales does not prevent people from becoming pet owners, it simply promotes more responsible and humane options. People can still adopt from shelters or work directly with ethical, transparent breeders who prioritize animal health and well-being. These policies send a clear message that animals are not products to be sold for impulse purchases, but living beings that deserve care, protection, and thoughtful placement in loving homes.

Please vote to ban the sale of animals at pet stores, it matters so much. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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