

From: [Brianna Keller](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:35:30 PM

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, 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.

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

Sincerely,
Brianna Keller
Sofi Parc Grove, 180 Broad St., Stamford, CT 06901

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From: [Casey Kelly](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: LR31.072 Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:33:03 PM

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.

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

Thanks
Casey

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From: [fitzgerald042 Fitzgerald](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Support LR31.072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:56:54 PM

Greetings,

Please SUPPORT ordinance LR31.072, which would block the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline in Stamford by banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops. No pet shop needs to sell puppies to be profitable and no resident needs a pet shop to find the pet of their choice. Thank you for your time and consideration

Best,
Siobhan Fitzgerald

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From: [Pete](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: YES on Ordinance LR31.072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 3:50:32 PM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,

Rudi Karukas
87 Rolling Wood Drive, Stamford, CT 06905
203-461-9776

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From: [José Luis Greco](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Puppy mills
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:25:58 PM

I'm asking the Board of Representatives to SUPPORT ordinance LR31.072, which would block the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline in Stamford by banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops. This ordinance would stop pet shops from selling puppy mill puppies, protect consumers from deceptive sales tactics, sick puppy sales, and predatory lending, and promote humane businesses and responsible pet acquisition. No pet shop needs to sell puppies to be profitable and no resident needs a pet shop to find the pet of their choice. Thank you.

Jose Luis Greco
128 Osborne St.
Danbury CN

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From: [D.Jean Rich](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: SUPPORT Ordinance LR31.072 - stop puppy mill cruelty
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:59:24 AM

Dear Board Members,

Please SUPPORT ordinance LR31.072, which would block the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline in Stamford by banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops. This ordinance would stop pet shops from selling puppy mill puppies, protect consumers from sick puppy sales and promote humane businesses and responsible pet acquisition. No pet shop needs to sell puppies to be profitable and no resident needs a pet shop to find the pet of their choice. Dogs should never be crammed into trucks and shipped across the country with little care for their welfare, and the parent animals need to be saved from cold, filth, and misery in puppy mills.

Thank you for your attention,
Dorothy Rich

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From: [Sheryl Pierson](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please SUPPORT ordinance LR31.072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:29:07 AM

Dear Representative,

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Thank you,

Sheryl Pierson
71 Silver Street
North Granby, CT

860 392-9119

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From: [Lauren Sirois](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:28:16 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

As a Stamford resident and owner of a rescue dog who was used as a breeder in a puppy mill in Pennsylvania for 5 years of her life, 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, 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.

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

Sincerely,
Lauren Sirois
850 Pacific Street

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Lauren M. Sirois
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (J.D., 2015)
Bar Admissions: New York (2016)
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From: [Kaitlyn Walsh](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:26:35 AM

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

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Walsh
120 Morgan Street, Stamford, CT
Kaitlynwalash1515@gmail.com 203-690-2313

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From: [Karla Carpenter](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — End Puppy Mill Sales in Stamford
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:18:42 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

As a Stamford resident, I'm writing to strongly urge you to **vote YES on ordinance LR31.072, which would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores.**

It is shocking and deeply disappointing that, in 2025, a **city as progressive and compassionate as Stamford** still allows pet shops to sell animals sourced from puppy mills — mass-breeding operations where profit comes before the welfare of living beings. These facilities **confine mother dogs in small, filthy wire cages, denying them adequate veterinary care, exercise, or even sunlight.** They are bred repeatedly until their bodies give out, while their puppies are shipped hundreds of miles to pet stores — often sick, under-socialized, and traumatized.

As someone who **volunteers with a boxer rescue organization that routinely rescues dogs from puppy mills**, I have seen the horrors firsthand — dogs terrified of human touch, suffering from infections, dental disease, and broken bones, all because they were treated as breeding machines instead of living, feeling beings.

These are not “responsible breeders.” Puppy mills are industrial cruelty factories, and every pet store that sells their animals is complicit in that suffering.

Passing LR31.072 will:

- **Cut off the pipeline** between cruel puppy mills and Stamford pet stores.
- **Protect consumers** from deceptive sales practices and heartbreaking experiences with sick animals.
- **Promote adoption** and responsible breeders, who never sell through pet stores.

No humane or successful business needs to sell puppies to survive — and no community that prides itself on compassion should tolerate the exploitation of animals for profit. Stamford can and should lead by example, joining dozens of other cities that have already taken this humane and ethical step.

Please **vote YES on LR31.072** and help ensure our city stands for kindness, integrity, and progress — not cruelty disguised as commerce.

Sincerely,

Karla L. Carpenter
Stamford Resident

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From: [Lauren Epstein](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: YES: Ordinance LR31 .072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:14:30 AM

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

Sincerely,

Lauren V. Epstein CALP

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From: [Susan Benjamin](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:31:59 AM

Please put an end end to puppy Mills, it is unnecessary and actually cruel!!

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From: [Kerith Davies Knechtel](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please support ordinance LR31.072 and stop the heartbreaking cruelty of puppy mills
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:12:07 AM

Hello,

I am writing to request you please support ordinance LR31.072, which would block the puppy mill to pet shop pipeline in Stamford by banning the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops.

Puppy mills are heartbreaking centers of cruelty. If you know nothing about them I encourage you to do a little research, for example you could read about them

here: <https://www.asPCA.org/barred-from-love/puppy-mills-101/how-cruel-breeding-hurts-dogs>

I have rescued a few puppy mill dogs throughout my life and the trauma of their early lives in cages filled with emotional and physical abuse is palpable. You can do something vital to make our world more humane, and I beg you to do the right thing.

Kerith Knechtel
4 Interlaken Road, Greenwich CT 06830

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From: [Kimberly Segura](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Ordinance LR31.072.
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:56:51 AM

Hello,

My name is Kimberly Segura, I live at 23 Durant St, Stamford, CT 06902. It has come to my attention, of ordinance LR31.072. banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits at local pet shops helping end the puppy-mill-to-pet-shop. As an animal lover myself I strongly believe in taking action while we can to help these loving animals from inhumane breeding conditions. As a lifelong Stamford resident I am also encouraging you all at the Board of Representatives to also support this ordinance as well! #EndPuppyMills #AdoptDontShop

Thanks,
Kimberly Segura
203.998.8865

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From: [Simone Kiesel](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:56:36 AM

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

Sincerely,
Simone Kiesel
257 Greyrock Place Apt 1A Stamford, CT 06901

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From: [Emily Rakos](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:28:20 AM

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

Sincerely,
Emily Rakos
50 Forest St, Stamford, CT
emilyrakos97@gmail.com

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From: [Brianna Gage](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:27:47 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,
Brianna Gage
100 Tresser Blvd, Stamford CT 06901

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Brianna Gage
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[LinkedIn](#)

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From: [Dorrie Nang](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: SUPPORT LR31.072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:23:58 AM

Please support ordinance LR31.072

Sincerely,
Dr. Dorrie Nang
105 Smith Rd
Woodstock CT 06281

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From: [Melissa Mezo](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:09:49 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Mezo

18 Brundage street Stamford CT 06907

Melissamezo@gmail.com

914-879-5467

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From: [Julia R](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:47:50 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,

Julia Ribadeneira

52 Terrace Ave, Stamford, CT. 06905

203 278 0875

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From: [blythe Churchill-Joell](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:41:07 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

As a Stamford resident and homeowner for 20+ years, 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, 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. There are multiple rescues in our city and Stamford Animal Control, where so many dogs wait for loving homes.

Please stand with Stamford residents who care about animal welfare and consumer protection by supporting Ordinance LR31.072.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue. As a voter in every election, I value your representation on these important issues.

Sincerely,
Blythe Churchill-Joell
182 Toms Rd, Stamford
203-273-5803

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From: [Robin Schultz](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please support Ordinance LR31.072, Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:18:37 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,

-robin schultz
129 Emery Drive E, Stamford, CT 06901
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schultzrobin115@gmail.com

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From: [Morgan Stonebridge](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:09:46 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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Sincerely,
Morgan Stonebridge
1204 Hope Street Stamford CT 06907

Morgan Elizabeth Stonebridge

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From: [KARYN RYAN](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:51:58 AM

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, protect consumers from deceptive practices and sick puppy sales, and promote humane, ethical pet businesses in our community.

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

Sincerely,
Karyn Ryan
641 Summer St Stamford, CT
631-384-5033

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From: [Marlene Gatz](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:46:09 AM

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

Sincerely,
Marlene Gatz
23 Pond Rd
Stamford CT 06902

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From: [Olivia beck](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:29:33 AM

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Sincerely,
Olivia Beck
1450 Washington Blvd

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From: [Deanna DeLucia](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
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Sincerely,

Deanna DeLucia
1455 Washington Blvd, 330
Deanna.DeLucia@gmail.com

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From: [Jamie DeNatale](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Ban Pet Stores selling Puppies
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:19:53 AM

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

Sincerely,

Jamie DeNatale
383 Erskine Road

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From: [Al](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: vote YES to ban sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet shops
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:58:04 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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Thank you for your time and leadership on this important issue. Pets have essential needs, emotions, personalities of their own and become part of our family. If you wouldn't breed in order to sell your family in a store, pets shouldn't be bred for sale either.

Sincerely,
Alison Catanese
North Stamford resident

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From: [Katie M](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:50:08 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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

Sincerely,
Katie Morton
25 Glenbrook Rd Stamford, CT

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From: [Matt Witek](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:27:22 AM

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

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We have the opportunity to lead the state in the right direction and make history.

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

Sincerely,
Matthew Witek

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From: [Susan Baier](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Pass Ordinance LR31.072
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:19:33 AM

My name is Susan Baier

My address is 14 Forest Lawn Ave, Stamford, CT 06905

I'm requesting that the Stamford Board of Representatives support Ordinance LR31.072

Let's make Stamford a leader in humane treatment for all animals!

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From: [Kimberly B](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Please Support Ordinance LR31.072 — Humane Pet Shop Bill
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:55:59 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Andrew Cotaj](#)
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Sincerely,
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From: [rosa.rastegar](#)
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From: [rosa.rastegar](#)
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From: [Daniela Soto](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
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Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Vote YES on LR31.072, Stamford's Humane Pet Shop Ordinance
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 5:41:27 PM
Attachments: [Issue Briefing_Support of Ordinance LR31.072 \(1\).pdf](#)

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Lucky Dog Refuge, a Stamford-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, **we urge you to vote YES next Wednesday the 5th on Ordinance LR31.072**, which would ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in Stamford pet stores. I have copied 20 Stamford residents, rescue leaders, and advocates, who all share this sentiment.

This legislation represents a compassionate, practical, and community-driven step toward protecting animals, consumers, and our city's resources. A ban on the sale of live animals in pet stores will:

- Disrupt the puppy mill-to-pet shop pipeline, a well-documented and inhumane supply chain.
- Protect consumers from deceptive sales tactics and predatory lending practices.
- Reduce animal relinquishment to municipal shelters and local rescues, conserving limited community resources.
- Align Stamford with progressive states and cities that have enacted similar humane laws, like neighboring New York State.

Attached for your review is an issue brief outlining the ties between pet stores and puppy mills, local examples of the burden on animal rescues, and the positive outcomes expected should this ordinance be passed.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to a humane Stamford community.

For the Dogs,
Kristen Roeckle
Board Member, Lucky Dog Refuge

Supporters in Cc:

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Kirstin Mende, CEO, Lucky Dog Refuge located at 36 Pulaski Street Stamford, CT
2.
Matthew Witek, Board of Directors, Lucky Dog Refuge and Stamford Run Club Liaison
3.
John Louizos, Board of Directors, Lucky Dog Refuge (Stamford resident)

4. Jessica Barnes, Executive Director, Lucky Dog Refuge (Stamford resident)
5. Maria Lovello, Volunteer and Rescue Foster, Stamford Animal Control (Stamford resident)
6. Leonor Lopez, Volunteer, Lucky Dog Refuge (Stamford resident)
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10. Gabbie Volpetti, Volunteer, Lucky Dog Refuge (Stamford resident)
11. Nicholas DiNino, Volunteer, Lucky Dog Refuge (Stamford resident)
12. Geena Chiacu, Lucky Dog Refuge Adopter (Stamford Resident)
13. Meaghan Conway, Lucky Dog Refuge Adopter (Stamford Resident)
14. Taylor Leach, Animal Advocate (Stamford Resident)
15. Lauren Marvin, Animal Advocate (Stamford Resident)
16. Rebecca Cooperman, Animal Advocate, Beagle Freedom, Lucky Dog Refuge, NYACC (Stamford resident)
17. Jill Luciani, Volunteer, CT Dog Gone Recovery and Save a Lab, Labrador Retriever Rescue (Stamford resident)
18. Amanda Erb, Founder, Hazels House Rescue (Stamford resident)
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ISSUE BRIEFING:

Support of Ordinance LR31.072

Prepared by the Board of Directors at Lucky Dog Refuge in Stamford, CT

This is a critical moment for animals in Stamford. On Wednesday November 5, 2025 the Board of Representatives will have the opportunity to determine whether Stamford takes a stand for compassion and consumer protection or continues to enable an industry built on suffering.

We urge every member of the Board of Representatives to vote YES on Ordinance LR31.072 to protect animals, support responsible businesses, and ensure that Stamford no longer plays a role in the exploitation of dogs, cats, and rabbits for profit.

The following brief outlines why we believe this ordinance is necessary and how it will benefit our city.

Animals are sentient beings.

Dogs, cats, and rabbits are living, feeling creatures who experience fear, stress, and pain. They form social bonds and require enrichment, care, and stability. Selling them as commodities undermines their well-being and treats them as products rather than family members.

Pet stores have a documented history of buying animals from puppy mills.

The “puppy mill to pet store pipeline” is well documented by humane organizations and state legislatures across the country. PAWS wildlife states that roughly 90% of pet store puppies come from large, profit-driven commercial breeding facilities where animals are treated as inventory rather than living beings.[1]

- Retail paperwork often conceals the true source of these animals.
- Puppies are commonly separated from their mothers before the recommended 8 weeks, weakening immunity and socialization.
- Local pet shops, including stores in Stamford, have repeatedly been linked to breeders cited on the Humane Society’s “Horrible Hundred” list (example below, Ross).

Puppy mills are high-volume breeding operations, prioritizing profit over animal welfare.

Hallmarks include [2]:

- Overcrowded, unsanitary conditions that promote disease and genetic disorders.
- Minimal or no veterinary care.
- Continuous breeding of mother dogs until they are physically depleted.
- Transportation of puppies over long distances at a very young age, which causes stress and spreads illness.

Pet stores engage in quick sales and predatory lending [3].

Pet stores capitalize on the appearance of puppies and kittens to drive impulse purchases. Emotional appeals encourage quick decisions rather than thoughtful, informed commitments:

- **Minimal buyer screening** – Stores typically sell to anyone with a credit line, with no requirement to check references or confirm readiness for long-term care.
- **Predatory financing** – Many stores offer instant financing or “low monthly payment” plans that obscure the true cost of pet ownership.
- **Unprepared owners** – According to a 2024 Shelter Animals Count survey of 7,000 organizations, about 60% of surrendered pets were given up because families underestimated costs or responsibilities [4].

This business model prioritizes sales over animal welfare, directly fueling future surrenders and abandonment.

The burden on municipal shelters and rescues.

Municipal shelters like **Stamford Animal Control** and nonprofit rescues such as **Lucky Dog Refuge** are left to address the fallout:

- Puppies sold by pet stores are frequently surrendered when owners cannot afford medical care or realize the lifelong responsibilities of pet ownership.
- Sick or behaviorally challenged animals often require expensive, long-term treatment and rehabilitation.
- This cycle diverts resources away from other urgent animal welfare needs and places an ongoing financial and emotional strain on city agencies and nonprofit rescues.

Proof points in Stamford: Local pet store purchases that later required rescue:

- **Ross – Purchased a local pet store:** Ross arrived in his new home gravely ill. His “breeder paperwork,” later traced to Creek Side Kennels in Ohio (a facility repeatedly cited on the Humane Society’s *Horrible Hundred* list), masked his true origin. Lucky Dog Refuge stepped in to provide life-saving medical treatment at its own expense.
- **Melo – Purchased at Smart Puppies in Stamford:** Melo was surrendered to Lucky Dog Refuge when his owner, unprepared for the financial commitment, found no support from the store and attempted a private sale on the street of Stamford.

These cases underscore the consumer deception and animal suffering that follow retail sales of live animals. They also demonstrate the direct cost to Stamford’s shelters, rescues, and taxpayers.

Pet stores can thrive without selling live animals.

Ending live animal sales does not mean the end of pet retail profitability. Major national chains—including PetSmart, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, and Chewy’s in-store partners—sell no live dogs or cats, yet continue to post strong year-over-year growth through products, grooming, training, and veterinary services.

Cities that have enacted retail bans also show how independent stores can pivot successfully:

- **In Chicago**, multiple neighborhood pet shops partner directly with municipal shelters and rescues to showcase adoptable dogs and cats for in-store adoptions and to sell high-margin food, toys, and accessories.
- **In New York**, stores formerly selling puppies have rebranded as grooming salons, training centers, or full-service pet boutiques—maintaining or even increasing revenue.
- **Across Connecticut**, regional chains like Choice Pet and Pet Pantry thrive on premium food, treats, and supplies without selling live animals.

Call to action: Vote YES to LR31.072 and ban the sale of live animals in Stamford.

This action by the Board of Representatives will:

1. Disrupt the puppy mill supply chain.
2. Protect consumers from deceptive sales tactics and predatory lending practices.
3. Reduce the number of animals relinquished to municipal shelters and 501c3 rescues.
4. Align Stamford with proven policies in neighboring New York State and pioneering cities.

Lucky Dog Refuge is ready to assist with public education and community engagement to support this landmark decision.

References:

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3. <https://www.humaneworld.org/en/all-animals/predatory-lending-can-leave-puppy-buyers-financial-ruin>
4. https://www.shelteranimalscount.org/wp-content/uploads/YearEndReport_3.13_Website_FINAL.pdf

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To: [BOR AllReps](#)
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