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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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