

Good Day,

Thank you, Environment Committee, for letting me have a say regarding the above noted bills.

I am a voter in Windsor Locks and a citizen animal activist, rescuer and advocate.

Please support the task force's recommendations. Also, please include language that states that all new pet shops be prohibited from selling "commercially bred dogs" (hereafter referred to as puppy mill), as well as the phasing out (or better yet, prohibiting) puppy mill dogs from being sold in the 16 stores in CT that are currently allowed to do so.

I can but assume you have looked into the cruel, inhumane and unspeakable goings-on within the puppy mills. This, coupled with the fact that they abuse their 'breeders' and produce genetically inferior dogs should be enough to out law them, period. If a person wants a purebred badly they can adopt from a breed specific rescue. But we need to get dogs adopted from shelters and pounds, badly.

At any rate I assume I made myself clear on how I feel about this bill.

On another item, the bill regarding gestation crates for sows needs your support on Section 2 only. Again, the outright cruelty and disregard for life ought to be enough to compel anyone to support this as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will support what I have written about.

Sincerely
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