

Connecticut should require pet stores to source only from shelters or rescues.

I've been involved with rescue just about my whole life and I'm not a spring chicken.

Puppies in pet stores are cute. The kiddies say to their parents "I want one, please, please, please?". Now we have an impulse buy. Puppies don't stay small and cute. They grow up and need training. Too much work for many and the animal gets dumped. That's where the rescue folks step in, trying to save a life. And there's so many we can't save them all. We're beyond busy trying to do some fire control and no one is out there just putting out the fires. Time to stop.

No puppy mill dogs should be sold in CT. Period. The conditions they are produced in are beyond horrendously inhumane. No support, in any fashion, should be given to this industry.

Our CT shelters and rescues are filled with animals needing homes. Too many die because their potential home has just been taken by that cute little impulse buy puppy from the pet store. And that little impulse buy often times ends up being the animal dumped when it grows up.

I don't have a problem with reputable breeders. I understand their point of view and the ones I know won't sell to just anyone. Generally, people who buy from breeders have had to do their homework and understand the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Rescue organizations go to great lengths to prevent the animals they place from ever winding up at risk again.

Give us a break. Stop allowing the fueling of the fires with sales of puppy mill dogs. In the long run, it's a municipal cost savings besides being the right thing to do.

Many cities have now enacted bans on the sales of animals in pet stores. Show us the Connecticut is progressive enough to enact a state-wide ban.

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