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To: CTPS
Subject: Nov 12, 2013 submission to the Task Force Concerning the Sale of Cats and Dogs at CT Pet shops.

Please accept mu submission to your Task Force.

1. If you close puppy stores, you take away the US government oversight of the animals that are transported into CT.

2. If there are so many dogs in the shelters of CT, why is there a need for “rescue relocations” from other states?

3. “Rescue relocation” from outside the US is a major problem! There is no way to know that these animals are rescues only and not **unregulated** commercial breeding (puppy mills) groups from that country.

4. Fred Acker of CT SPCA: (Only one of the local rescue groups but not an exception to the rule.)

- a. Has been tried and convicted for mistreating and abusing a customer that went to adopt from his rescue group.
- b. He also had 60 puppies taken from his care because they were housed in an unheated barn in Bethelhem, CT. during very cold weather. (Nov 9, 2012)
- c. Where did 60 puppies come from?
- d. Most people would trust the SPCA, but not here in CT. There is no oversight!

5. How can we trust a group of people that are nothing more than discount puppy stores that sale dogs as "rescue relocations". No tax revenue for the state and collecting "donations" for the cause to support a business.

6. There is no oversight of rescue groups from anyone but the Animal Control Officers of our townships. These are elected people that have a very hard job as it is now, without this added job.

In summary: Let the consumer make the choice of where and how they obtain their family pets! The state of Connecticut does not need to get in the middle of a process that has many commercial controls.

Thank you for your time.

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