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To Whom it May Concern;

Thanks to all of you for the effort in finding a solution to the terrible cruelty of animals.

I have been a rescuer and rehabilitator of cats and dogs for 25 years and have seen the effects of the cruelty of puppy mills and catteries. Many of the animals that have passed through the shelters I work with, exhibit the physiological, mental, and behavioral devastation created by the hellish environment of these establishments. They suffer on all levels, in a manner seen only when raids/confiscations are made public.

Requiring all stores that sell animals, to sell only shelter animals will most definitely reduce the amount of pets euthanized daily. In addition it eliminates the outlet for puppy mills and catteries to sell their "product." The down side is that cutting their revenue will mean certain death for many of the animals they are holding.

I feel this legislation is crucial directly for the animals, and moving forward, for animals rights and welfare throughout the nation. In addition, animals otherwise confined to a shelter, will have the opportunity to find a forever home.

Gandhi said, "A nation is judged by it's treatment of animals."

Thank you for your support of those who have no voice.

Elizabeth