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To: CTPS
Subject: I Support Pet Choice

All:

My husband and I bought our 1st puppy at the end of this past May 2013 at All Pets Club in Wallingford, CT. Please understand that while there are a few options in how to get a dog, we chose a pet shop first and foremost for a very good reason: Total Choice in Every Aspect.

Total Choice means that we could easily find the best puppy for us amongst a "variety" under one roof that a 'retailer always offers'. There is no wait.

Total Choice means that there is no invasion of privacy if one chose the rescue option. If you pick this way, you feel like a criminal right from the beginning because those dogs had a rough life previously? That is not fair and so there is already established bias towards many fine families who don't deserve to go through such an investigative process by a rescue organization.

I should also mention that the puppy we bought was important to us because he is a 'hair' dog, doesn't shed. Those types of dogs are so popular due to low maintenance that they are very hard to come by at a rescue facility and if one should show up, they typically are either adopted very quickly or there is simply no selection. When one goes into a pet store, you can always find the perfect hair dog you've always wanted, any day of the week.

Think about what you are trying to accomplish by banning the sale of dogs in CT pet stores. Take All Pets Club for instance. They post the breeders' information in authentic detail. They are not trying to hide from showing the public that information. If they did, then the State of CT could worry. But why when logically, the breeder information is both legitimate and "worthy of posting" for all eyes to see. Any customer, if they really wanted to, could visit a breeder to check out their business. I feel comfortable in knowing that All Pets Club would not work with breeders if they didn't have a good reputation. If All Pets Club didn't care, they would not post excellent details about their breeder relationships.

I trust the breeders that All Pets Club works with. Why? Because my husband Joe and I love our dog Sparky! He is completely normal, healthy, vibrant and hasn't showed any signs of anything displeasing because he came from a pet shop's breeder connection. Sparky is the best thing that happened to us and we are grateful that we purchased him from a pet store. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Please, Do Not Ban the Sale of Dogs from CT Pet Store Retailers. It would be a sad mistake for many great families in our state. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula Gagnon