



City of San Diego Pet Store Ordinance

Proposed Pet Store Ordinance

- Bans the retail sale of Dogs, Cats, Puppies, Kittens and Rabbits in retail businesses
- Discourages the transport of animals from puppy mills as well as puppies coming across the border from Mexico
- Encourages the adoption of homeless animals from local shelters and rescues (at pet stores)
- Pet stores will experience increase in product sales by partnering with shelters and promoting the adoption of homeless animals



About Puppy Mills

- Puppy mills produce up to 5 million puppies annually
- 99% of puppies sold in pet stores come from puppy mills
- Approximately one-third of the nation's 9,000 independent pet stores sell puppies
- The HSUS estimates that 2 to 4 million puppy mill puppies are sold each year in the U.S.
- 3 to 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters each year due to the lack of homes



Problems Common in Puppy Mills

- Documented puppy mill conditions include:
 - Over-breeding, inbreeding, minimal or no veterinary care, poor food and shelter, crowded cages and lack of socialization
 - Breeding dogs in puppy mills are kept for years in continual confinement
 - Bred as often as possible until they can no longer produce puppies, then are destroyed
- Failure to apply proper husbandry practices can lead to congenital and hereditary conditions including:
 - Epilepsy, heart disease, kidney disease, musculoskeletal disorders, endocrine disorders, deafness, eye problems, and respiratory disorders
 - Improper socialization leading to significant behavior challenges including shy, fearfulness, and different types of aggression
- They can arrive in pet stores in unhealthy condition and with poor immunity to infectious disease

San Diego Pet Store Issues

- Pet Stores often replicate puppy mill conditions in terms of healthcare and husbandry
- Humane Law Enforcement Issues
 - 2012 seizure and closure of Puppy Star, Nadine's Puppies, Pet Place



Research conducted by the San Diego Animal Defense Team has found that every San Diego store investigated uses puppy mill breeders.

San Diego Link to Puppy Mills

- Evidence has shown a direct link between San Diego pet stores and puppy mill breeders and brokers
 - Every San Diego store prosecuted by the San Diego Humane Society has used puppy mill breeders
 - The largest puppy mill broker in the country, the Hunte Corporation, is the major source for puppies coming into San Diego



More than 2,000 Pet Stores Take a Stand Against Puppy Mills

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**The Humane Society of the United States
announces milestone number of puppy
friendly pet stores nationwide.**

The Alternative: A Humane Business Model



- Successful companies have adopted a humane business model by refusing to sell dogs, cats and rabbits
- They form mutually beneficial partnerships with local rescues and humane societies to encourage adoption of shelter animals

It's Already Happening!



540 N. Second St.
El Cajon, CA



These Cities in California have Banned the Retail Sale of Animals

- Aliso Viejo
- Burbank
- Chula Vista
- Dana Point
- Glendale
- Hermosa Beach
- Huntington Beach
- Irvine
- Laguna Beach
- Los Angeles
- South Lake Tahoe
- West Hollywood

+ these North American cities
that have also passed the ban = **31**

- Albuquerque, NM
- Fountain, CO
- Lake Worth, FL
- Flagler Beach, FL
- Coral Gables, FL
- Lauderdale Lakes, FL
- Opa-Locka, FL
- North Bay Village, FL
- Hallandale Beach, FL
- El Paso, TX
- Austin, TX
- Point Pleasant, NJ
- Brick, NJ
- Manasquan, NJ
- Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
- Mississauga, Canada
- Richmond, Canada
- Toronto, Canada
- New Westminster, Canada

Supporters of the Ordinance



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES



IN DEFENSE
OF ANIMALS



SDAWC

San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition



Thank You!