

The Truth About Pet Sale Bans

Protect
Consumer **Safety**

Protect
Consumer **Choice**



Pet Sale Bans mandate the sale of animals sourced from UNREGULATED SOURCES, such as rescues and shelters, while banning the regulated, law abiding breeders.

- Unlike pet store animals, dogs, cats, and rabbits from rescues have **questionable health** and **temperament**, and there is rarely a **traceable history** as to where they came from and what issues might be associated with the animal, putting families and other pets in the home at great **risk**.
- Pet stores are accountable, traceable sources for pets, and are legitimate, legal businesses, which are self-sustained and bring a steady stream of tax revenue.
- Shelter and rescue operators are not experts in animal behavior and safety, and are often misguided, refusing to acknowledge the inherent dangers or background of dogs that are found there.
- Pet Sale Bans **take away pet choice** while creating liability for pet stores and imposing a huge safety **RISK** for consumers.
- Pet Sale Bans are a direct attack on free trade and commerce by mandating the sale of animals sourced from unregulated sources, are a direct attack on free trade and commerce.
- Pet Sale Bans do **NOTHING** to stop animal abuse or unscrupulous, unlicensed and unregulated breeders.
- Licensed breeders are professionals who provide consumers, both public and pet stores, with healthy and behaviorally sound animals bred for the purpose of pet ownership.



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Facts about Professional Breeders:

1. Puppies, kittens, and rabbits that are sold in pet stores are vet checked a minimum of four times prior to being handed over to their new owner. Pet stores provide consumers with new puppy advice and education in addition to a health guarantee.
2. Professional breeders who sell to retail pet stores are required to be USDA licensed and inspected under the Federal Animal Welfare Act.
3. Professional breeders are licensed and inspected by USDA inspectors who have no vested interest in the breeding facility.
4. Annually, professional breeders participate in animal husbandry continuing education, conducted by veterinarians and experts, spending their own money learning how to breed a better, healthier, and more stable dog.
5. Professional breeders love what they do and they love their animals. They consider their profession a way of life, not a job.

Facts about Pet Sale Bans:

1. Shelters and rescues are **exempt** from the laws that are required of professional breeders. Rescue animals come with no guarantee and have the potential to put the new owners at risk due to the lack of oversight.
2. Shelters and rescues are perceived to be experts on animal behavior and safety, but they are not experts and are often misguided, refusing to acknowledge the **inherent dangers** or background of dogs that are found there.
3. Since 2010, the adoption of former shelter-rescue dogs have resulted in 35 deaths in the U.S.
4. Unlike pet store animals, dogs, cats, and rabbits from rescues have questionable health and temperament, and there is no traceable history as to where they came from and what issues might be associated with the animal, putting families and other pets in the home at great risk.
5. The United States imports more than 300,000 dogs from foreign countries each year, most from countries with little or no health safeguards; allowing the importation of sick dogs and new canine disease into the U.S.
6. The U.S. imports “rescue dogs” from countries including China, Korea, Mexico, Turkey and others. Pet shelters and rescues are NOT populated with owner-relinquished pets and strays as they lead the public to believe.



March 15, 2017 a Humane Society rehomed a pit bill mix as a “child-friendly” boxer mix, which attacked and nearly killed a 15-month old baby.

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