

BCC 2-21-17 #35

**Bachteler, James J**

**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** Megan Peach  
**Subject:** RE: Pet Dealer Ordinance

Good afternoon Ms. Peach - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners  
Phone: 727-464-3365



**From:** Megan Peach [mailto:mpeach0723@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:38 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Pet Dealer Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of The League of Humane Voters and a resident of Pinellas County, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of animals euthanized in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases. Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Megan Peach

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**Bachteler, James J**

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** Amanda Capps  
**Subject:** RE: Please approve the Pet Dealer Ordinance

Good afternoon Ms. Capps - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Amanda Capps [mailto:amandabcapps@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:34 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrone, John <jmorrone@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Please approve the Pet Dealer Ordinance

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** Paige Towey  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance

Good afternoon Ms. Towey - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Paige Towey [mailto:pmtowey@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 6:27 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

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Best,  
Paige Towey

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**Bachteler, James J**

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** Beverly Foxx  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Pet Ordinance

Good afternoon Ms. Foxx - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Beverly Foxx [mailto:bevfoxx1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Pet Ordinance

Dear Commissioner,

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Sincerely,

Beverly Foxx

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** Ryan Parker  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Changes to pet dealers and kennels ordinance

Good afternoon Mr. Parker - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Ryan Parker [mailto:ryan.parker59@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrioni, John <jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to pet dealers and kennels ordinance

To whom it may concern,

I am a Pinellas County Resident. I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the pet dealers and kennels ordinance. In particular, I support a ban on the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets. From what I understand, dogs and cats sold at flea markets are usually from unlicensed and unregulated backyard breeders. Also, I have heard from a credible source, that animals are kept in miserable conditions and are often sold without proper vaccinations. Please help end their suffering. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Parker

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** Cyndi Rennick  
**Subject:** RE: Stop the sale of animals at flea markets

Good afternoon Ms. Rennick - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Cyndi Rennick [mailto:greyadvocatemom@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Stop the sale of animals at flea markets

**I am a Pinellas County resident. I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the pet dealers and kennels ordinance. In particular, I support a ban on the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets. Dogs and cats sold at flea markets are usually from unlicensed and unregulated backyard breeders. Animals are kept in miserable conditions and are often sold without proper vaccinations.**

Thank you,

**Cynthia Rennick**  
10587 118th Terr N  
Largo, FL 33773  
727-417-0913

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** Sue Humphrey  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Hobby/Pet Dealer ordinance

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sue Humphrey [mailto:lshumphrey@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 8:04 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Hobby/Pet Dealer ordinance

Dear Commissioner Long,  
I support the proposed Hobby/Pet Dealer ordinance as well as the continuance of Sect. 14-37 in regards to TNVR and community cats. Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Loretta "Sue" Humphrey

Sent from my iPhone

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:01 AM  
**To:** lisa mulrane  
**Subject:** RE: Pet sales at flea markets

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** lisa mulrane [mailto:[lisamulrane@yahoo.com](mailto:lisamulrane@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:46 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <[JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Justice, Charlie <[cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Gerard, Pat <[pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Eggers, Dave <[deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Seel, Karen <[kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Morrioni, John <[jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us)>; Welch, Kenneth <[kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us)>  
**Subject:** Pet sales at flea markets

Hello. I am a resident of Dunedin, and I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the pet dealers and kennels ordinance. In particular, I support a ban on the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets. Dogs and cats sold at flea markets are usually from unlicensed and unregulated backyard breeders. Animals are kept in miserable conditions and are often sold without proper vaccinations.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Lisa Mulrane  
1385 Amberlea Dr S  
Dunedin, FL 34698



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** Annina Donaldson  
**Subject:** RE: Breeder Ordinance Changes

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** Annina Donaldson [mailto:anninadonaldson@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:48 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrioni, John <jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Breeder Ordinance Changes

Dear Commissioners,

I am unable to make the public hearing this evening, but fully support the county breeder ordinance changes you are reviewing. It is important to me that the ordinance include inspections for 'Hobby Breeders' and that these breeders are limited to NO MORE than two litters per year.

Director Brightwell stated that "the ordinance changes for Pinellas County would enable us to meet our goal of safeguarding public health, safety, and animal welfare." This is what I want as well! To reach this goal, I feel the 'Hobby Breeders' should have yearly inspections and be limited to the number of litters.

As someone who works closely with an organisation who rescues stray animals, the changes made to hobby breeders, will ensure less animals are abandoned, less animals euthanised for space & less animals wandering the streets.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues.

Kind regards,

Annina Donaldson

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:57 AM  
**To:** Melissa Blacksmith  
**Subject:** RE: In SUPPORT OF THE Pet Dealer Ordinance

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**From:** Melissa Blacksmith [mailto:mblacksmith@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 8:55 AM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrone, John <jmorrone@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** In SUPPORT OF THE Pet Dealer Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Pinellas County for 36 years, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections.

The proposed ordinance changes for Pet Dealers/Kennels and Hobby Breeders includes: **No** pet sales at flea markets; **Annual inspections of Pet Dealers' and Animal Services issued permit numbers to be used in any and all ads for the sale of animals.**

The number of animals euthanized in our country is a disgrace and a testimony to our apathy and lack of concern for anything but ourselves. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of innocent animals killed in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases. Thank you for your thoughtful, **serious** consideration of this more humane ordinance.

Sincerely,

Melissa Blacksmith  
2380 Harrison Drive  
Dunedin, FL 34698



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** Susan G  
**Subject:** RE: Stop the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets

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**From:** Susan G [mailto:susanjg66@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Stop the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to support the proposed changes to the pet dealers and kennels ordinance that would effect a prohibition on the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets and road side stands in Pinellas County.

As a lifelong resident, I have seen the human population increase dramatically in the last 50 years here in Pinellas County. Along with this increase has been an increase in the number of people who buy and sell animals outside of legal parameters and without proper permits or license.

Such individuals are not motivated to care about the health or well-being of these animals; they are simply attempting to make money for themselves without paying taxes or fees to the county. The result is sick, often terminally diseased, animals and rampant mistreatment of these defenseless animals.

I have witnessed this myself at both the Wagon Wheel flea market and the Oldsmar flea market. As a law-abiding citizen and lifelong taxpayer, I find this offensive. It is wrong to allow such individuals to mistreat animals, usually breeding them in backyards and closed rooms illegally.

I entirely support the band and request that the board make the requested change to the ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Susan Gunn, Esq.  
Largo resident



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:57 AM  
**To:** Debbie Welsh  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Animal Ordinance

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**From:** Debbie Welsh [mailto:debrwelsh@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Animal Ordinance

Dear Ms. Long,

I live in Pinellas County and am a member of the DTCSF. I am a former founding officer of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., the sanctioned national rescue group for the US Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. I have been involved in the sport of dogs in almost every aspect, rescuing, training and showing in conformation and performance events. I was a small-time hobby breeder, only breeding 7 litters in over 20 years and have kept in touch with all my puppy buyers over the years, providing whatever resources they needed for the entire dogs' life.

The most important service that we, the dog community, can provide dog owners is appropriate training and resources for anyone with a companion dog. I spent over 15 years in the trenches rescuing hundreds of Ridgebacks each year all over the country, and one of the main reasons these dogs entered rescue was because of lack of training and socialization.

This is just one reason, among many, that I am strongly requesting that you vote to eliminate the "training for a fee" wording in the definition of a "kennel" in your proposed Animal Ordinance. While I support its passing in general, this specific wording will compromise the dog training community and would inevitably diminish those training resources for the general community. There is already a void in available training classes, especially for new puppies, and imposing undue regulations on these facilities would mean the possibility of closing or new training facilities not even opening. I can assure you I've never met a dog trainer who was wealthy and the only reason dog training clubs can survive is because they are run by all volunteers.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. I truly appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this one important issue.

Debbie Welsh  
Yandisa Sighthounds

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** MARTINA REED  
**Subject:** RE: Pet Dealer ordinance

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**From:** MARTINA REED [mailto:martina5251@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 11:03 AM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrioni, John <jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Renee Rivard <monarch.renee@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Pet Dealer ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of The League of Humane Voters and a resident of Pinellas County, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of animals euthanized in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases. Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Martina Reed  
[martina5251@yahoo.com](mailto:martina5251@yahoo.com)

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** Deborah Mcmillan  
**Subject:** RE: pet dealers

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**From:** Deborah Mcmillan [mailto:deb1401@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** pet dealers

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of The League of Humane Voters and a resident of Pinellas County, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of animals euthanized in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases. Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Deborah Mcmillan  
[deb1401@aol.com](mailto:deb1401@aol.com)



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:55 AM  
**To:** Mo Eppley  
**Subject:** RE: Support Ordinance Changes for Chapter 14 of County Code related to Animals

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**From:** Mo Eppley [mailto:meppley@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Support Ordinance Changes for Chapter 14 of County Code related to Animals

Hello Commissioner Long:

As you may know, I am on the Board of Director of Friends of Strays Animals Shelter, a no-kill animal shelter in St. Pete. I adopted one of my cats from them 6 years ago and have been volunteering in various capacities ever since. I knew nothing about animals rescue or the animal rescue community before then and am still learning every day.

What I do know is that I have seen many animals suffering and abandoned that come into our care. What upsets me the most is to see animals that are suspected to be dumped by breeders who don't want to spend money on a dog once they are no longer profitable for them.

In Oct of last year I was on my way to the FOS Shelter and while stopped at the light on 38th Ave N and 28th Street, I saw a large brown dog walking alone in the cross walk and almost got hit by a truck turning left that didn't initially see her. Once I got through the light, I pulled into the parking lot of the Rainbow Transmission Repair shop on the corner and opened my back door and the dog hopped right in. I asked people in the waiting room and the employees if they recognized the dog and no one did.

She was extremely friendly, looked like she either just had puppies or was pregnant and had a pink collar with a strange attachment. I took her to the shelter to check for a microchip. She did not have one. When the vet examined her she said she was't pregnant but probably had many puppies and was suspected to have a serious infection in her uterus called pyrometra.

She was put on a stray hold and we posted her as a found dog on all the FB and websites available and I looked for any reports of missing dogs that matched her description.

The staff named her Diva and she was scheduled for surgery. Our vet said she was one of the worse cases of pyrometra she had seen and she suspected Diva was used as a breeder dog. At only 2 years old she had given birth to many litters of puppies. If we had not operated when we did, Diva would have died from the infection.

It is believed that the attachment on her collar was a device that hooked to a clothes line or something similar and she was tethered in a yard somewhere. It was obvious that this dog could no longer produce puppies so someone just abandoned her.

Diva has been adopted and is in her forever home. I know that the changes in the ordinance may not help every dog but my hope is that it can help prevent dogs like Diva from suffering.

Breeders are doing this as a business and they need to take responsibility. Making sure dogs are well cared for is the cost of doing business and the humane and proper thing to do.

I support the ordinance changes that have been proposed especially designating Hobby Breeders and requiring inspections and limits to the number of litters they are allowed to have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:55 AM  
**To:** mo@friendsofstrays.com  
**Subject:** RE: Friends of Strays Animal Shelter support the Ordinance changes

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** mo@friendsofstrays.com [mailto:mo@friendsofstrays.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Friends of Strays Animal Shelter support the Ordinance changes

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Strays, Inc. Board of Directors.

We are the oldest no-kill animal shelter in St. Petersburg and will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary next year.

What began as a handful of volunteers trying to get control of the stray cat population in downtown St. Pete, has grown to over 300 volunteers giving over 4500 hours of their time to help care for and love abandoned and stray animals in Pinellas County. Last year we had 570 adoptions that included over 100 dogs and puppies.

We have noticed an increase in the number of dogs, especially older female dogs, coming in to our shelter over the years. It is believed that many of these dogs were abandoned by backyard breeders that no longer had a use for these animals since they could not longer produce litters for them and be profitable and they didn't want to spend money on the vet care that was required.

This is unconscionable. These dogs deserve better.

We support the recommended changes to the Breeders ordinance. We agree that the ordinance changes for Pinellas County would help to reach the goal of safeguarding public health, safety, and animal welfare. That is what we want too, and to reach this goal we strongly believe that Hobby Breeders should be given a designation and should have yearly inspections. We also believe it is important to limit the number of litters hobby breeders are allowed to have.

We hope that you will also support these changes and make sure there are ways for them to be enforced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mo Eppley



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** Deborah Klein  
**Subject:** RE: Pet Dealer Ordinance

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners  
Phone: 727-464-3365

**From:** Deborah Klein [mailto:dklein16@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Pet Dealer Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of The League of Humane Voters and a resident of Pinellas County, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of animals euthanized in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases. Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance.

Sincerely, Deborah Klein, Safety Harbor

Deborah Klein

[Dklein16@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dklein16@tampabay.rr.com)

Home-727-723-0828

*Never second guess inspiration. Flannery O'Connor*



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** ej@tampabay.rr.com  
**Subject:** RE:

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-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
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Phone: 727-464-3365

**From:** ej@tampabay.rr.com [mailto:ej@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:**

Dear Commissioner Long,  
I would like to thank you and Animal Services for giving us input on the Animal Ordinance for Pinellas County. We believe the ordinance as proposed **should be passed**, but we **request deleting the words "or training for a fee" from the kennel** definition. We look forward to working on some of the other items in the future.

Sincerely,  
Erin James, Pinellas County concerned dog owner

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## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:58 AM  
**To:** Sarah Barnhill  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting 2/21/17

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

### Jordan Doyle Walsh

Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
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**From:** Sarah Barnhill [mailto:sbarnhill26@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 2:32 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrone, John <jmorrone@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Meeting 2/21/17

Dear Commissioners,

I am a Pinellas County resident and a consistent voter.

I will be unable to make the 2/21/17 meeting, but I want to express my support for the ordinance changes you are reviewing. That is, with inspections added back in for 'Hobby Breeders'. Director Brightwell has stated that 'the ordinance changes for Pinellas County would enable us to meet our goal of safeguarding public health, safety, and animal welfare.' That is what I want, and to reach this goal I feel the 'Hobby Breeders' should have yearly inspections. I can't see any reasonable cause to object to this for any responsible breeder.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sarah Barnhill  
555 Hollow Ridge Rd  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Melody Urso  
**Subject:** RE: Pinellas County Animal Services Ordinance Changes - Meeting on 2/21

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
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**From:** Melody Urso [mailto:melodyurso@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Pinellas County Animal Services Ordinance Changes - Meeting on 2/21

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Dunedin and a tax paying citizen of Pinellas county. I am unable to make the meeting on 2/21/17 regarding the changes to Pinellas County Animal Services Ordinance but I wholeheartedly support the changes you are reviewing on 2/21 (with inspections added back in for 'Hobby Breeders').

Director Brightwell stated that "the ordinance changes for Pinellas County would enable us to meet our goal of safeguarding public health, safety, and animal welfare." That is what we want for our innocent animals and to reach this goal I also feel the 'Hobby Breeders' should have yearly inspections.

We appreciate your consideration of these issues. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Melody Urso



## **Bachteler, James J**

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** Sandy Mesmer  
**Subject:** RE: Concerning Pinellas BCC Public Hearing February 21, 2017

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
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Phone: 727-464-3365

**From:** Sandy Mesmer [mailto:sandy@smesmer.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Concerning Pinellas BCC Public Hearing February 21, 2017

To Chairman Commissioner Janet Long

Dear Commissioner Long,

As you know, I sent you a detailed email recently, concerning the proposed changes for the Pinellas County Animal Ordinances.

I or one of my friends have since corresponded or spoken to many of you, and I really appreciate everyone's feedback. I am very glad that the County is willing to be an Honest Broker to ALL parties concerned with the welfare and well-being of dogs and cats in Pinellas.

I am excited about a future where breeders such as myself are invited to "a place on the table" so we can ALL do what's best for our pets. One idea that has already been proposed is that educational data concerning pets could go out together with utility bills. Ultimately, when residents understand better how to live with their animals we can one day reach a point where every dog or cat in Pinellas County has a loving home, and there are no more Rescues. Isn't that what we are all looking for?

I have lived in Pinellas County for 36 years, am the past President of the Clearwater Kennel Club and was the Founding President of the Silky Terrier Club of Central Florida.

I remain a supporter of the proposed Ordinance changes, with one reservation, as long as there are no Hobby Breeder random inspections. (More on that below.)

As you know, I proposed that "or training" be removed from Section 14-26 so that it reads:

KENNEL MEANS ANY PREMISES WHEREIN ANY PERSON ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF BOARDING, BUYING OR LETTING FOR HIRE FOR A FEE DOGS OR CATS.

If, because the kennel definition is in "current language" of the Ordinance, and is therefore not open to changes at a Public Hearing, I propose instead the following addition to 14-26:

DAY TRAINERS, WHERE NO DOGS AND OR CATS ARE HOUSED, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE DEFINITION OF KENNEL.

On another note I am concerned that there has been some talk of putting random Hobby Breeder inspections into the new Ordinance. This doesn't make sense to me. Per the Ordinance definition, we run a HOBBY not a business – what other hobby needs random inspections? I think it would violate several of our Constitutional rights. Of course, if there is a complaint, that's another story. Please do not support this possible change.

Moving on, while I understand that the current Ordinance changes will not include this, I want to make sure that you are aware of the following, as this will need to be addressed in the near future:

In several places the proposed Ordinance changes refers to exemptions for registered private non-profit humane organizations. Yet these rescue groups are rapidly filling the void primarily left by commercial pet stores no longer selling cats and dogs. It is absolutely easy to become "non-profit", yet make a ridiculous amount of money selling unregulated puppies. They don't even have to have a Health Certificate. For example the "non-profit" group No More Homeless Pets out of Georgia trucks dogs regularly into our area. Their CEO and vet pull down 6 figures – yet they are FULLY unregulated.

We need proper definitions of these groups and they need to share equal responsibility with breeders or else our County will be flooded with poorly bred and sick puppies sold by unscrupulous "rescue groups". I would suggest definitions like the following:

HOBBY RESCUE ORGANIZATION MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, FOSTER OR GROUP THAT IS CURRENTLY AFFILIATED WITH A NON-PROFIT RESCUE ORGANIZATION AND PLACES FOR A FEE LESS THAN 20 DOGS AND/OR CATS A YEAR.

RESCUE ORGANIZATION MEANS ANY PERSON, FOSTER OR GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN THE PLACEMENT FOR FEE OF ONE OR MORE DOGS AND/OR CATS A YEAR TO THE PUBLIC. COUNTY-OPERATED OR CITY OPERATED ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCIES SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS DEFINITION.

To conclude, in the end it's really Public Education about pets that is the answer. In Calgary, Alberta, their Animal Services is not funded at all by the County but 100% from license fees, fines and donations. Their motto is EDUCATE. They have a licensing rate of 60%, their public satisfaction rate is 91%, second only to the Fire Department. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about "the Calgary Model" which can easily take credit for being the most successful Animal Services in North America.



Thanks again for your consideration, and for all the rest you do as my elected official.

Best, Sandy Mesmer

*Maxwell Award Winning Artist*

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*"Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen." Orhan Pamuk, My Name is Red*



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** Adam J Nate  
**Subject:** RE: Stop the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets

Good morning Mr. Nate - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners  
Phone: 727-464-3365

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**From:** Adam J Nate [mailto:anate@law.stetson.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Stop the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets

Good afternoon, Commissioner Long:

Thank you for your service and leadership in our community. I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the pet dealers and kennels ordinance that you will consider this coming Tuesday, February 21. In particular, I support an immediate and complete ban on the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets. Dogs and cats have nervous systems similar to ours, and they respond to pain as we do, such as by writhing and thrashing, making facial contortions, and moaning and yelping. The dogs and cats sold at flea markets are typically raised and kept in miserable conditions that inflict and perpetuate pain, in addition to being sold by unlicensed and unregulated backyard breeders without proper vaccinations. Please do your part to help end the pain of these animals and bring more accountability to how we as a society regulate their reproduction and welfare to ensure their security and happiness.

Thank you, Commissioner Long!

Respectfully,

Adam

**Adam Nate**

(920) 265 - 1885

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:53 AM  
**To:** Marilyn Weaver  
**Subject:** RE: PCAS Animal Ordinance Agenda item for Feb. 21, 2017

Good morning Ms. Weaver - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

### Jordan Doyle Walsh

Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
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**From:** Marilyn Weaver [mailto:marilynw@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrone, John <jmorrone@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** PCAS Animal Ordinance Agenda item for Feb. 21, 2017

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to convey that I am in support of the proposed changes to the PCAS Animal Ordinance.

The requirement that all breeders who advertise must include a breeder license certificate number in all advertising, will bring "backyard" breeders into compliance with Breeder law and help reduce over breeding and resultant euthanasia. Outlawing the sale of animals at flea markets is a welcome and much needed addition to the ordinance; one that has been sought by many animal welfare advocates for a long time.

### Under Sec. 14-50 - Sterilization

(b) A Dog which is impounded two (2) times within a twenty-four (24) month period shall be sterilized before it may be redeemed for the second time, except when a Veterinarian determines that the sterilization would endanger the Animal's health due to its age, infirmity or illness.

. If we want to control unintended breeding, would it not be advisable to sterilize the impounded animal the first time it is impounded rather than wait for a second time impoundment within a 24 month period? Would you please take this under advisement?

I have attended the PCAS workshop and meetings on this ordinance and want to commend the director, Doug Brightwell, for his professional shepherding of the execution of this excellent ordinance. I hope the commission vote will be unanimous in favor of this ordinance. Thank you

for your consideration on this matter of great importance to the constituents of Pinellas County.

Marilyn Weaver, Executive Director

League of Humane Voters-FL

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## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** Patricia Scarvelli  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Consideration of changes to ordinance before the Board ; animal welfare and consumer protection, Section 14

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

### **Jordan Doyle Walsh**

Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
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**From:** Patricia Scarvelli [mailto:scarvellip@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 7:43 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Patricia Scarvelli <scarvellip@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Consideration of changes to ordinance before the Board ; animal welfare and consumer protection, Section 14

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of The League of Humane Voters and a resident of Pinellas County, I support the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I believe the ordinance will reduce the number of animals euthanized in our county, improve animal welfare, and provide better consumer protection for pet purchases.

It is horrible to see a sweet puppy, kitten or any other creature for sale in a crowded and unsanitary environment for the profit of the seller whose only goal is to make money and not for the love of the animal. The animal and the consumer suffer in this circumstance.

I truly believe a community without compassion and caring for those less than themselves is not one I want to reside in.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance.

Please note I would have attended this meeting on Tuesday, 2/21 at 6:00PM had it not been for a long standing commitment that I was unable to change. That does not diminish the importance I attach to this issue.

Sincerely,

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Patti Scarvelli  
cell: 727-688-3678

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:01 AM  
**To:** edit4food  
**Subject:** RE: Please SUPPORT the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and yearly inspection provision

Good morning - thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
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Phone: 727-464-3365

**From:** edit4food [mailto:edit4food@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 11:11 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morrioni, John <jmorrioni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Please SUPPORT the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and yearly inspection provision  
**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Pinellas County and a member of The League of Humane Voters.

I want you to know that I strongly **support** the proposed Pet Dealer Ordinance and the provision for yearly inspections. I think the ordinance will help reduce the number of animals euthanized in Pinellas, improve animal welfare, help protect consumers, and weed out unscrupulous dealers. I can't see any reason why a legitimate pet dealer would object to this. If they do, what are they trying to hide?

I regret that I cannot attend the public hearing on this matter on February 21 because I will be at work at that time. So I hope this email will have equal effect in communicating my support as my attendance at the hearing would have.

Please give this ordinance serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Armitage  
308 Lake Placid Court  
Oldsmar, FL 34677  
813-855-3910



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** BoardRecords  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Animal Ordinance

### Jordan Doyle Walsh

Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners  
Phone: 727-464-3365

**From:** Debbie Welsh [mailto:debrwelsh@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Walsh, J Doyle <dwalsh@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Animal Ordinance

Dear Ms. Long,

I'd just like to add one more note on the Proposed Animal Legislation. It is the dog trainers who are many dogs' last hope to not be turned into a shelter, or worse, just euthanized. Let's support the training community, many who give their entire lives to help these dogs and their caring owners...and provide them with less red tape to do their jobs.

Thanks

On Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 8:56 AM, Walsh, J Doyle <[dwalsh@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:dwalsh@co.pinellas.fl.us)> wrote:

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-Doyle

### Jordan Doyle Walsh

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Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

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**From:** Debbie Welsh [mailto:[debrwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:debrwelsh@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 9:17 AM

**To:** Long, Janet C <[JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us)>

**Subject:** Proposed Animal Ordinance

Dear Ms. Long,

I live in Pinellas County and am a member of the DTCSP. I am a former founding officer of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., the sanctioned national rescue group for the US Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. I have been involved in the sport of dogs in almost every aspect, rescuing, training and showing in conformation and performance events. I was a small-time hobby breeder, only breeding 7 litters in over 20 years and have kept in touch with all my puppy buyers over the years, providing whatever resources they needed for the entire dogs' life.

The most important service that we, the dog community, can provide dog owners is appropriate training and resources for anyone with a companion dog. I spent over 15 years in the trenches rescuing hundreds of Ridgebacks each year all over the country, and one of the main reasons these dogs entered rescue was because of lack of training and socialization.

This is just one reason, among many, that I am strongly requesting that you vote to eliminate the "training for a fee" wording in the definition of a "kennel" in your proposed Animal Ordinance. While I support its passing in general, this specific wording will compromise the dog training community and would inevitably diminish those training resources for the general community. There is already a void in available training classes, especially for new puppies, and imposing undue regulations on these facilities would mean the possibility of closing or new training facilities not even opening. I can assure you I've never met a dog trainer who was wealthy and the only reason dog training clubs can survive is because they are run by all volunteers.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. I truly appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this one important issue.

Debbie Welsh

Yandisa Sighthounds

**Bachteler, James J**

*BCC 2-21-17 #35*

**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** richard bialor  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our animals

Good afternoon- thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

**Jordan Doyle Walsh**  
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long  
Chair, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners  
Phone: 727-464-3365

*Support*

**From:** richard bialor [mailto:rbialor@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:18 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Protect our animals

Dear Commissioner Long,

I have been a resident of Pinellas County for many years. I have also volunteered and continue to volunteer and foster animals for our shelters and rescue groups.

I have witnessed firsthand the number of dogs brought into shelters and Animal Services that were purchased from backyard breeders or purchased at Flea Markets and similar venues. Any shelter or rescue group will require the animals to be returned to them no matter what the reason. Back yard breeders and their Flea Market counterparts will never take a dog back for any reason. People buy on impulse and at times without thinking it through. They no longer want the dog or cat. They either give it away or they take it to a shelter or Animal Control and then it becomes their problem. These animals are set up to fail. We don't need anything that increases the amount of dogs dropped off or dumped at Animal services. When they are overloaded they will have to euthanize more animals. There are other programs that address this problem but doesn't it make sense to eliminate the sales of pets at Flea Markets and by backyard breeders. Their only goal is the money. They are under no regulations. Their premises are under no inspections, and people selling at Flea Markets can pick up and move on a whim.

I am in total support of this amendment that is proposed.

I hope I can count on your support too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Richard Bialor  
1741 Hickory Gate Drive South  
Dunedin Fl. 34698



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** agnes whalen  
**Subject:** RE: The sale of dogs and cats at flea mrkts

Good afternoon- thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

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**From:** agnes whalen [mailto:agneswhalen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** The sale of dogs and cats at flea mrkts

Dear Commissioner Long:

I am writing to respectfully request that you uphold the proposal to ban the sale of dogs and cats at flea markets and roadside stands.

I'm sure you're familiar with the quote:

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its weakest, more helpless members are treated. I hold that to every member including animals in that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man."

On a more personal level you need only ask, "Is this how I would like to be treated? Is this how I would want a loved one of mine to be treated?"

"Same lamp, different light."

Sincerely,

A.M. Whalen

"I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contain'd,  
I stand and look at them long and long.  
They do not sweat and whine about conditions,  
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,  
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God.  
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,  
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,  
Not one is respectable or industrious over the whole earth."

Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass

"Song of Myself, " 32.

## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** Renee Rivard  
**Subject:** RE: Please Vote for Breeder Licensing Ordinance with Yearly Inspections

Good afternoon- thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. The final public hearing for this item is scheduled for February 21st at 6pm. Your comments have been added to the official record. If you need any further assistance please let me know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

### Jordan Doyle Walsh

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**From:** Renee Rivard [mailto:monarch.renee@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Brightwell, Doug <dbrightwell@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Marilyn Weaver <marilynw@tampabay.rr.com>; Elizabeth Olson <ebeth1233@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Please Vote for Breeder Licensing Ordinance with Yearly Inspections

Hello Commissioners,

Hope you are doing well. I met with most of you when working on the dog chaining ordinance for Pinellas County. I am pleased to hear that you are now considering a **breeder licensing ordinance**.

**Last year Pinellas County Animal Services euthanized over 4,000 dogs and cats. Another 2,000 were euthanized at the SPCA.** Even though euthanasia may be down from years ago, 6,000 is still a very large number. We are all responsible for the deaths of those 6,000 dogs and cats. We appreciate that you are taking into consideration more ways to lower the euthanasia rate.

In addition to helping lower the euthanasia rate, the breeder licensing ordinance that you will vote on this evening will also help promote animal welfare and protect consumers who purchase animals. **Please consider yearly inspections**---breeders should have nothing to hide. Good breeders will be willing to make small changes in order to see improvements in the number of animals euthanized.

Thanks to Mr. Brightwell and others who brought forth this much needed ordinance. I don't think it is too far reaching and had I written it myself, I would have required breeders to microchip every animal sold to consumers. And even taken it one step further and asked for breeders to spay and neuter all animals sold to consumers unless that consumer possessed a breeder license.

Thanks again for your consideration in this matter and for helping to make Pinellas County more animal friendly. See you this evening.

— Renee Rivard —



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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Olson  
**Subject:** RE: Ordinance meeting today

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**From:** Elizabeth Olson [mailto:ebeth1233@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Morroni, John <jmorroni@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Ordinance meeting today

Good afternoon commissioners,

I know this meeting is a late one so I thought I would write you here on a few topics to avoid saying it all at the meeting. I did get a chance to meet with the other commissioners already so I am just writing you three.

Some of you have met with me before when I was working on the anti-tethering ordinance change I initiated with Renee Rivard from the League of Humane voters and with the help of previous director Moe Freaney. I have been a lead volunteer at Pinellas County Animal Services for over 7 yrs. I started and ran their Facebook page for 6 yrs. I have worked with every director to find different ways to help the animals in Pinellas and I have been working with Doug Brightwell for months on this ordinance.

I started a group on Facebook and we have over 250 citizens on it that support the ordinance, but we would like to see inspections put back in for the 'hobby breeders'. Being this involved with PCAS I have seen many things. One was the aftermath of an unscheduled inspection of a breeder that had a certificate with us. PCAS found 80 dogs in a single-wide trailer off Belcher Rd. She signed over the dogs to avoid prosecution. I don't think I have to tell you in detail about the living conditions of those dogs. But if we didn't do the inspection, we never would have found them and got them out of that horrible place.

Why would a 'reputable breeder' mind a once a year inspection? They are making good money selling living beings, not arts and crafts, to our citizens.

The ordinance will help the animals and citizens of Pinellas for years to come with the changes that have been made to the latest draft (no sales at flea markets, certificate numbers in all ads). I feel adding inspections for ALL breeders would make it even better.

Thank you so much for your time and support! I will see you later tonight. Have a great day!

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Elizabeth Olson  
Social Media Management  
Top Dog Media  
Founder, Rescue Pink  
Animal Rescue dedicated to Spay/Neuter



## Bachteler, James J

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Stacey Hannouche  
**Subject:** RE: Support for ordinance amending Chapter 14  
**Attachments:** Breeder Memo for PCAS.PDF

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**From:** Stacey Hannouche [mailto:stacey@humanepinellas.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:34 PM  
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**Subject:** Support for ordinance amending Chapter 14

Dear Honorable Commissioners of Pinellas County

Please accept our attached memo in support of the Ordinance amending Chapter 14. We support any changes to County ordinance(s) to provide the County with additional ability to enforce animal welfare regulations and place stipulations on those that care for, house and sell animals.

As a organization that deals with homeless pets on a daily basis, we thank you for taking the time to consider their well-being.

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Stacey Hannouche, MBA  
*Executive Director*

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