

Johnson, Krista

From: Doug Landau <popcomics@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Please Vote NO on Pet Sales Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner,

I cannot believe you would even consider voting to support puppy mills! If you do, I will make sure my precinct knows.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

Doug Landau
PCP Democratic Party

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From: Dagmar R Myslinska <dagmar.myslinska@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Seel, Karen; Gerard, Pat; Peters, Kathleen; Justice, Charlie; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Eggers, Dave
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Sincerely,
Dr. Dagmar Myslinska
Largo, FL

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From: mparham2@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Vote YES to Pet Ban / No Grandfathering
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important issue.

I represent over 4500 Tampa Bay area residents who strongly believe in the proper care of animals. I volunteer with Florida Voices for Animals, Inc., a group whose mission is to educate on animal abuse and exploitation and to help the public learn what they can do help end the needless suffering of defenseless animals.

There is a tremendous concern over the number of dogs and cats in shelters and sanctuaries throughout our nation who await adoption while thousands of dogs and cats are bred in the horrific puppy mills you have all heard of. These puppy mill dogs and cats end up in pet shops to be sold at exorbitant prices. Sadly, the breeders at the mills are left behind to suffer multiple pregnancies in less than desirable environments. As you probably already know, these mills are often outdoors, where they are exposed to extreme hot and cold temperatures. The cages are often stacked and have wire floors, which are painful to their tender feet.

The babies from the mills are then transported all over the nation and may spend long hours without food and water. Many of these then arrive at pet stores where they may also be put in cages with wire floors. It is not surprising to find that many may become sick and die during this entire process. It is also common for sick animals to be sold and have new owners stuck with medical bills. Those who buy at pet shops quickly bond with the animals and will opt to keep them, when they discover they are ill, even at the expense of medical bills. Many pet shops still buy puppy mill animals despite the facts that have been presented to them.

Pet shops serve a valuable function and need to exist. They sell us food, toys and other important items needed for the proper care of our companion animals. Let's partner with them and encourage them to work with the shelters and sanctuaries to help us find homes for those desperately waiting for someone to take them home.

I know you are not discussing rabbit sales at this time, but all the above comments pretty much apply to rabbits as well, with the addition of a couple of more concerns. Bunnies are usually impulse buys during Easter and Christmas. Well meaning buyers are frequently unaware of the needs and proper care that domestic rabbits require. Sadly, the bunnies are usually purchased for young children who don't know how to handle them properly. Rabbit injuries, including broken backs, and deaths are common. Children may also suffer severe scratches and bites from the rabbits, due to improper handling. Sadly, many people try to return the rabbits to the stores, or take them to the animal shelters or a sanctuary only to find that they are full and cannot take many of these rabbits. The result often is that many will then release the rabbits outside to fend on their own. Sadly, this usually has tragic results since domestic rabbits are not designed to live outdoors in extreme temperatures. They can easily suffer malnutrition since they are not used to foraging on their own. They are also gentle creatures and frequently end up as easy prey to animals.

In closing, I ask that you vote YES to ban the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores and that you do not grandfather existing shops. PLEASE encourage a partnership with shelters and sanctuaries to help adopt animals that already need homes.

Also I hope you have already taken the time to see this video, that I understand was already sent to you. I include the link below for your convenience, just in case you didn't see it. CAPS, the group who produced it is very reputable and has been around for a long time.

Please watch this undercover video of the retail pet stores in Pinellas telling consumers their puppies don't come from puppy mills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ilkV07DVjA>

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely yours,
Myriam Parham, President
Florida Voices for Animals, Inc.

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From: Musa Jaman <musajaman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Long, Janet C
Subject: Ban the sale of Puppies, Kittens, Rabbits -
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Dear Commissioners,

Please vote to ban the retail sales of puppies, kittens and rabbits. Please do not grandfather in the six stores currently selling puppies, kittens and/or rabbits. I am for a full retail pet store ban in Pinellas County, and not grandfathering in the 6 stores already in business.

The Pinellas County stores and their employees outright lie about where the puppies come from in the video (link below). They lie about the conditions of the breeder dogs, how the dogs live, and how they are treated. Outright lies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3PsBSf8eYZQIA2n_JHma-hyRxowgl0zpCRLCocOvYE0qVunXIXd_VunLE&v=4ilkV07DVjA&feature=youtu.be



[Undercover with CAPS: An Investigation of Pet Shops in Pinellas County, FL | Florida Pet Stores - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3PsBSf8eYZQIA2n_JHma-hyRxowgl0zpCRLCocOvYE0qVunXIXd_VunLE&v=4ilkV07DVjA&feature=youtu.be)

On December 7, Pinellas County commissioners issued a moratorium on the opening of new pet shops. Two more shops opened in September and December. In August,...

www.youtube.com

Thank you for your time.
Musa Jaman

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From: lap6ff@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Justice, Charlie
Subject: Puppies and kittens

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All our surrounding counties have enacted a retail ban on the sale of puppies and kittens. Why has Pinellas not understood the importance of this ban?

I am a Pinellas County resident and a voter.

Laurie Philippon

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From: Becky R <kittez62@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:22 PM
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Sincerely,

Becky Racaniello
Belleair, FL

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From: Ellen E. Craig <ellmcf@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:01 PM
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Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:45 PM
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