

**Ordinance of the County Board
of
Kankakee County, Illinois**

RE: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS

WHEREAS, a significant number of puppies and kittens sold at pet shops come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for (“puppy mills” and “kitten mills,” respectively); and,

WHEREAS, the inhumane conditions in puppy and kitten mill facilities lead to health and behavioral issues in the animals bred in those facilities, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing animals from pet shops; and,

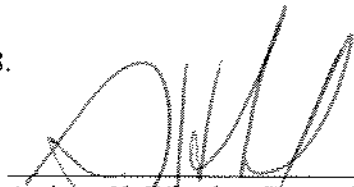
WHEREAS, restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens is likely to decrease the demand for puppies and kittens bred in puppy and kitten mills, and is likely to increase demand for animals from animal shelters and rescue organizations; and,

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats by collaborating with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Services Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 17, 2018, upon review, discussion and consideration, recommends to the County Board that the County adopt the attached ordinance restricting the sale of dogs and cats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Kankakee County Board, after review, discussion and consideration, adopts the attached ordinance for the restriction of sales of dogs and cats at pet shops.

PASSED and adopted this 8th day of May, 2018.



Andrew H. Wheeler, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Dan Hendrickson, County Clerk

a. Definitions

Animal care facility means an animal control center or animal shelter, maintained by or under contract with any state, county, or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes or rescue organizations.

Animal rescue organization means any not-for-profit organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes. This term does not include any entity, which is, or is housed on the premises of, a breeder or broker, obtains dogs from a breeder or broker in exchange for payment or compensation, or resells dogs obtained from a breeder or broker and provides payment or compensation to such breeder or broker.

Cat means a member of the species of domestic cat, *Felis catus*.

Dog means a member of the species of domestic dog, *Canis familiaris*.

Offer for sale means to sell, offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

Pet shop means a retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail. Such definition shall not include an animal care facility or animal rescue organization, as defined.

b. Restrictions on the Sale of Animals

No pet store shall sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, or otherwise transfer or dispose of cats or dogs. Nothing in this section shall prohibit pet stores from collaborating with animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations to offer space for such entities to showcase adoptable dogs and cats.