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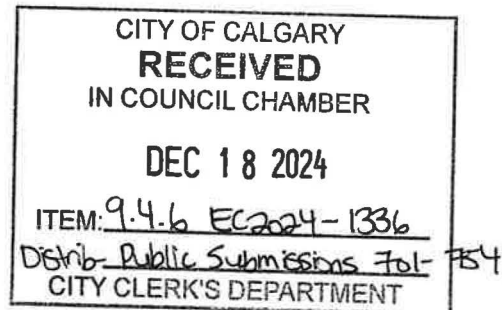
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Date of meeting [required] **Dec 11, 2024**

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[required] - max 75 characters **Notice of Motion - Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales and Own**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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December 16, 2024

Honorable Mayor Gondek
800 Macleod Trail S.E.
Calgary, AB
T2G 2M3

Re: Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership Review, EC2024-1336

Dear Honorable Mayor Gondek,

I am writing on behalf of Pets Canada to express our concerns regarding the proposed motion to ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in Calgary's retail environments. While we understand the intent to address animal welfare issues, we believe that an outright ban would be an ineffective strategy, leading to unintended consequences.

Key Concerns:

1. Consumer Choice and Responsible Sourcing:

- Banning retail sales limits consumer options to acquire pets from reputable sources. Many pet stores collaborate with responsible breeders and adhere to stringent standards to ensure animal health and well-being.

2. Economic Impact on Local Businesses:

- The proposed ban could adversely affect local pet stores, leading to potential closures and job losses. For instance, in New York, similar legislation resulted in significant economic challenges for responsible small pet retailers, with some forced to shut down due to the inability to compete with online suppliers.

3. Unintended Consequences:

- Restricting legal avenues for purchasing pets may inadvertently drive consumers towards unregulated online markets or unscrupulous breeders, exacerbating the very issues the ban seeks to mitigate.





4. Impact on Animal Shelters:

- While such bans aim to reduce shelter intake and improve animal welfare, evidence suggests that they may not achieve these goals in the long term. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a surge in pet adoptions, followed by an increase in pet surrenders due to owners' lack of preparedness and resources. ¹
- Shelters have cited reasons for owner surrendered pets has directly been related to the ever-increasing cost of caring for a pet. ²
- This indicates that limiting purchase options without adequate education and support may not effectively reduce shelter intake or improve animal welfare.

Recommendations:

- **Safe Sourcing:**
 - Allowing the continued sale of dogs, cats and rabbits by registered local pet businesses gives the city the ability to have traceable and inspected sources of pets. Removing the retail framework, will indeed drive Calgarians to other unregulated sources. Working with the existing framework helps the city to ensure the wellbeing its pets.
- **Enhanced Regulation and Oversight:**
 - Implementing stricter regulations and regular inspections for pet retailers can ensure that animals are sourced responsibly and treated humanely, without eliminating consumer choice.

¹ [Pandemic Pets, Global News](#)

² [Cost of Care, Global News](#)





- **Public Education Campaigns:**

- Educating the public on responsible pet ownership and the importance of sourcing pets from ethical breeders or adoption agencies can address welfare concerns more effectively.

- **Support for Shelters and Rescue Organizations:**

- Providing additional resources and support to local shelters can help manage overpopulation and promote adoption without imposing restrictive measures on the entire pet industry.

We urge the Council to consider these points and explore alternative solutions that address animal welfare concerns while preserving consumer choice and supporting local businesses. Pets Canada is committed to collaborating with the City of Calgary to develop and implement policies that promote responsible pet ownership and ensure the well-being of all animals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to the opportunity to work together towards a balanced and effective approach.

Sincerely,

Christine Carrière
President & CEO
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Vice President, Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs
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Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership Review, EC2024-1336

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Pets Canada represents pet business across Canada from groomers to retailers to manufacturers and more. We are in opposition of this motion and a possible ban of responsible retail sales of pets in Calgary. We look forward to working with the City of Calgary along with our Calgarian members in order to uphold both consumer choice and the highest standards of animal welfare.

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[required] - max 75 characters **Animals**

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Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership Review

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Our shelters and rescues are beyond capacity, and are having to turn away animals daily which can be life or death for these animals. Some people are so desperate to be rid of their animal, that they admit that they will just release them out in the wild somewhere if a rescue doesn't take them in. These shelters and rescues are struggling to fund the care the animals need be it for food, housing, veterinary bills, etc. They are understaffed and underfunded but continue to try and do right by these animals. It's time our government did as well. Puppy mills, backyard breeders, Facebook and Kijiji sellers should be banned, and laws put in place to prevent them from ever existing. Any sale of an animal should only be done by a licensed breeder that has been proven to be ethical and humane, with proper living conditions and the appropriate health care being provided to these animals. The number of litters an animal has per year needs to be limited as well as limiting the number of years an animal can be bred. Breeding animals destroys them mentally and physically, and no one animal should be bred for the sole purpose of making a business profitable. They should not be allowed to sell animals internationally, where these same problems still exist. Private sale of animals should not be allowed to happen when the local unhoused animal population is in the thousands. We are only contributing to the problem of strays and unhoused animals by continuing to allow the private sale of animals through unlicensed breeders. We need to do better for these vulnerable animals, that do not have a voice for themselves and are left to the mercy of man. As someone who volunteers at my local shelter and witnesses first hand the struggles of these animals and shelters, who sees the burnout of other volunteers and staff, who sees the tears of sadness, anger and frustration due to what we have to experience daily at a shelter/rescue. Change needs to happen. It's past time the government stepped in to help.



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[required] - max 75 characters Banning sale of animals except for purchase from humane society

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Banning people from purchasing domestic animals except the humane society is an asinine and selfish idea of the human society.

I fully support humane societies and have been working in rescue for over a decade. I also participate in purebred dog breeding and performance sports.

Animals who end up in rescue are not animals from reputable and responsible breeders. They are from backyard for profit breeders. Instate kennel and breeding licenses rather than this.

Dogs who end up and stay in humane societies for a long period of time are at higher risk of harming people in the community and being a burden than a dog purchased from a reputable breeder. That is, unfortunately, a fact.

Calgary, like many cities, is also suffering a housing crisis where landlords are implementing bans on pet ownership but also buying up all available housing which is creating an environment where people have no place to live and have to end up renting. Stop allowing these ridiculous rules from landlords. It's largely their fault that pets end up in rescue when a lease ends and people are forced to move.

Severe behavioral cases such as dogs with human bite histories or who require extensive rehabilitation should also be considered for humane euthanasia. While it may sound cruel and heartless, there's too many good dogs who make easy companions for people and animal shelters to put the time in the problem kids who are scared of life.

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning sale of pets

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Please ban the sale of animals in Calgary. Too many animals are suffering and dying in shelters because people purchase pets on impulse that they aren't prepared to care for, rather than adopting from a shelter. So not only do they not take a pet from a shelter, they actually add a pet. This isn't sustainable. The other issue is the conditions many bred animals live in. They are often in overcrowded and neglectful environments. All of this adds up to cruelty for all sorts of animals. I would love to see Calgary take a stand on this and say no to animal cruelty.

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Pet Ban

As the owner of The Top Dog Store—the only business directly targeted for closure under this proposed pet ban—I urge you to dismiss this agenda item immediately. This matter was thoroughly addressed in the 2022 Responsible Pet Owners Bylaw, and I waited until it was passed so I could sign a long term lease with confidence that my ethical, responsible business would not face such unwarranted disruption.

The Top Dog Store has consistently operated to the highest standards, providing healthy, happy puppies to loving families. We maintain an A+ Better Business Bureau rating, hold an Attestation of Exemplary Animal Husbandry Best Practices from Pets Canada, and have received hundreds of five-star reviews from satisfied customers whose lives have been enriched by our puppies.

This proposal would devastate not only my business, my family and employees but also a broad network of local businesses, including our Alberta-based breeders who operate under strict ethical guidelines, veterinarians, groomers, dog walkers, daycares, our landlord, and sadly, even other pet stores.

Our business should be commended—not punished—for our exemplary animal care practices that include breeder inspections to ensure optimal care, retail kennel operations that operate under veterinary supervision, expert puppy socialization and care by trained staff, and exemplary homing practices that ensure smooth puppy transitions into loving homes.

It is unacceptable that this proposal has appeared without any consultation with the very business it targets for closure. Claims that this ban would address animal rescue or pet overpopulation are false. Equally troubling is the offensive implication that my animals come from unethical "mills." The reality is that this ban does nothing to address the real issue: online platforms like Kijiji, where anonymous backyard breeders operate without oversight, scamming buyers and providing no support for pet care.

If council truly seeks to improve animal welfare, focus on these unregulated sellers—not my reputable, regulated, and transparent business. I invite any member of council, especially the alderman who introduced this item, to visit my store, meet our team, and see firsthand the care we provide.

I ask council to stand for fairness, facts, and responsible business practices by dismissing this proposal. My store, my team, and our community deserve better.
Sincerely,

Robert Church
Owner - The Top Dog Store

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Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits!

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With looking into adopting a pet over the last few months, the sheer amount in shelters and rescues all over the city and province is alarming. There are so many organizations that support and can guide new pet owners and so many different types of animals available to suit different persons needs and wants, the sale of animals by breeders and mills is really hard to come to terms with. So many different animals already need homes; and with searching, the right fit can be found.



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I strongly support the banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city. Let's make this happen and stop the overpopulation of abandoned sentient beings.

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I support this ban as it will prevent puppy mills from selling dogs with behavioural and health issues to the uninformed general public, and prevent the commodification of living things. This ban is already in place in other cities.

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Ban the sale of cars dogs and rabbits in stores

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour

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I myself have been contacted by several households when feral dumped rabbits have been caught and they had no where to turn to with them. I can not turn my back on an animal in distress. I need help to find these 8 bunnies a home now.

I may be forced to "turn them loose" as well if it was discovered I had them.

This is causing predators to come in to neighbourhoods with the more let outside with no choices and all the babies born outside. I have been left with an enormous invoice at the veterinary office that helped me with their spay and neuter surgeries but I can't keep doing this on my very low income. We need to stop the unnecessary pain and suffering to these animals being sold off in stores with little regard to their well being and welfare for their entire life span.

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Last name [required] **Franssen**

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[required] - max 75 characters **Selling animals within the City of Calgary.**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In opposition**



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[required] - max 75 characters Banning sale of animals in Calgary area

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour



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I support the city of calgary banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.

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[required] - max 75 characters 9.4.6 - Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership Rev

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This issue is important to welfare of animals in the city. Unfortunately back yard breeders play a huge role in the over population issues as well. Dog breeding should be a licensed activity in Calgary to limit the number of breeder with regular checks on the well being of dogs within care at the licensed facilities. While stopping sale at retail stores is a good first step there is a bigger problem at had. We personally have three rescue dogs in our home from different areas having over population problems. Of which none of the three came from storefront retail sale but instead unregulated breeding. Please include this in the motion to further help the root cause of this issue.



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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Standing Policy Committee on Community Development

Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here.)

[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of dogs, cats and bunnies

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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This would benefit all involved including the animals, rescue shelters, and people of Calgary

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First name [required] **Stephanie**

Last name [required] **Fisher**

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[required] - max 75 characters **The sale of animals in pet stores and retail spaces.**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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The overpopulation problem continues to rise in Calgary with many of animals coming from at home Puppy Mills that were started in covid for cost reasons. This overpopulation has left major rescues over-capacity for years, with Calgary Humane Society being southern albertas only open admission shelter that doesn't turn animals away being forced to run a waitlist. Owners need help now and are having to wait as shelters are constantly overfull and foster parents exhausted. Ethical breeding and sales of animals should be base standard of animal welfare.

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banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city,

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In favour



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I am in favor of the City Of Calgary banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.



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[required] - max 75 characters Banning sale of dogs, cats & rabbits in Calgary

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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First name [required] **Randi-Lei**

Last name [required] **Bailey**

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Working in the emergency veterinary industry, I see a lot of pet surrender requests due to rising veterinary costs. A lot of these pets were purchased during COVID and are no longer wanted or needed to occupy people's time. If they were only available through adoption, potential pet families would be much more educated, and unable to just buy a pet on a whim out of boredom. Pets should be well thought out and planned, they are living beings and if I recall correctly, The Alberta Court of Appeal recognizes animals as sentient beings, not merely property as on Nov. 2021- Sentient beings should NOT be accessible by "sale". I fully support the banning of sales of dogs, cats and rabbits (and all other pets) within the city of Calgary.

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[required] - max 75 characters The sale of animals in pet stores in Calgary

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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I support a ban on the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits in the city of Calgary. This would not only reduce the significant burden on shelters but also communities by removing the potential for as many abandoned animals when the irresponsible purchase of them isnt so easy. Thank you

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[required] - max 75 characters Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership EC2024-1336

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Pet adoption limits suffering and enables a healthy exchange of pets if living or personal situations change. A waitlist of months to surrender a pet severely limits the ability to ethically give up care of a pet. From having someone developing allergies, to requiring to move, the ability to care for an animal can be hampered. Limiting the sales of pets directly addresses this issue. Additional awareness to breeding, the amount of pets euthanized every year in North America, and the impact of pets on native wildlife will further limit the suffering of household pets and wildlife.

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First name [required] **Nathalie**

Last name [required] **Martel**

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[required] - max 75 characters **Banning the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in the City of Calgary**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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Shelters and rescues are extremely full, every single year, while pet stores are allowed to sell pets obtained through breeders, which encourages irresponsible breeding practices (breeding animals for profit) and maintaining a significant strain on shelters and rescues. Banning the sale of dogs, cats and bunnies would encourage pet stores to collaborate with shelters and participate in the adoption of these pets instead, thereby easing pressure on rescues that are always short on funds and resources. Please help promote adoption over purchasing pets in the City of Calgary.

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First name [required] **Tammy**

Last name [required] **Byrka**

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[required] - max 75 characters **banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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Please ban the sale of animals in retail stores in Calgary. Thanks

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retail sales ban on dogs, cats and rabbits

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour



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Please come up with strategies to help dogs, cats and rabbits in the shelters find a home.

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Last name [required] Gluck

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[required] - max 75 characters 9.4.6- Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales and Ownership Review

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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It is a step in the right direction to ban the sale of animals in retail stores, but there need to be regulations to breed and sell animals. Dog breeding should be a licensed activity in Calgary with regular health and wellness checks made on the dogs. Backyard breeders play a large role in the overpopulation problem as well as the overcrowding of rescues/shelters. If a litter doesn't sell, the puppies are then surrendered to a rescue or shelter. I have personally fostered a puppy who was produced by a backyard breeder and then surrendered to a rescue when the litter didn't sell on Kijiji. Currently, all three of my resident dogs are rescues who ended up in various shelters/rescue organizations due to unregulated breeding. Please include this in the motion to further help the root cause of this issue.

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Kara

Last name [required]

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I strongly stand for the banning the sale of dogs, cats, and bunnies.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In favour



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As a faculty member at MRU and life-long animal lover and advocate, I strongly stand for the banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city of Calgary. There are so many homeless animals that need to be adopted. Stop selling! Advocate for adopting!

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First name [required] **Amanda**

Last name [required] **Klimchuk**

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[required] - max 75 characters **9.4.6**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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Shelters are at capacity, the sale of animals outside of shelters must be banned

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First name [required] Janelle

Last name [required] Cadieux

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning of breeders

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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First name [required] Sam

Last name [required] Green

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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This is a great idea - If people want to purchase a pet they can do so from one of our overcrowded shelters



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Last name [required] Dahl

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[required] - max 75 characters Preventing sale of cats dogs and rabbits within theCity

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Last name [required] Byrne

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of pets, cats, dogs etc

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Animals/pets should be rescued from animal shelters and. It sold for profit



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Last name [required] Ye

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[required] - max 75 characters I support the motion to ban the sale of dog, cat etc. in the city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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[required] - max 75 characters banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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If banning the sale of small animals within the city will lead to fewer such animals in shelters or being abandoned, I am in complete favor of and completely support such a ban.



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First name [required] Leanne

Last name [required] Ritter

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[required] - max 75 characters Ban the sale of domestic animals in the city. Cats, dogs & rabbits.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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My family are in favour of this motion to support the animal shelters in their rehoming and adoption as well as stop puppy mills and even law abiding breeders over saturating the market.

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First name [required]

Lynn

Last name [required]

Whitelock

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Purchase of dogs and cats

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition



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The city should not be allowed to tell the citizens of Calgary what they spend their money on, they take enough in taxes, just stay in your lane

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[required] - max 75 characters Item 9.4.6 Dogs and cats and Rabbits.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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A look at the increasingly high numbers of animals in shelters indicates this is required.

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Last name [required] **Kok**

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Date of meeting [required] **Dec 5, 2024**

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

[required] - max 75 characters **Executive Committee 2024-1336**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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Pets should NOT be sold in retail stores. Shelters are overflowing, pets are being surrendered daily due to cost. ESPECIALLY with inflation, people cannot afford vet bills. No pet should be sold in retail stores ever. Adopt don't shop

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Last name [required] Biddell

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters Please pass the bylaw which will BAN ALL SALES OF DOGS CATS AND RABBITS

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Please ban sales of animals within the city. This has led to thousands of homeless animals who are often neglected and abused too. There is no need for this and if the sales are stopped, the problem can be helped so much.



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Last name [required] Jette

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of dogs cats and bunnies in pet stores

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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I am a volunteer with the CHS. (I've been on hiatus for the past bit due to injury.) I started volunteering with them in 2017. I have seen many stray animals come into the shelter and many that have been bought at pet stores. I often wonder why do people buy these animals at a pet store and then end up not wanting them. Various excuses often in tow. 1 of the most popular being that the animal is now big or (conveniently) they are not allowed to have the animal where they live. Quite frankly all of the cities shelters are at capacity. Emergencies are understandable. However dumping an animal (pet store or otherwise) has to STOP! I have seen first hand what dumping an animal does to the animal. They are often out of sorts and end up having some severe behavioral concerns. These things in themselves make them even harder to adopt. My heart gets broken every time that I have gone into the shelter. I would feel better to know that no animals have come in for surrender due to a pet store purchase. Please consider the ban of purchasing animals in pet stores.

I may be late sending this in but I wanted somebody to see what the staff and volunteers have to deal with on an on-going bases. Thank you ???



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First name [required] Jamie

Last name [required] Contreras

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Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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Please ban selling animals in big box stores and focus more on adopting and support animal rescues. Big box stores promote animal mills, increased burden on animal rescues



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Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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I think this is something that should have been banned along time ago. Its cruel to keep animals in small cages in stores. There has to be something better than this.

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Last name [required] Richard

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 18, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning the sale of animals in the city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour

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I volunteer with a rescue organization. Shelters are ALWAYS over capacity. There's no need to introduce more animals into the population. Managing the existing population is already a challenge.



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Last name [required] Cumming

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters 9.4.6 Notice of Motion - Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits! A Responsible Pet Sales a

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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The humane society will not be able to rehome and save lives of dogs and other animals .



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First name [required] Sarah

Last name [required] Morrison

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 16, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here.)

[required] - max 75 characters banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Last name [required] Camacho

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters Lack of empathy and profiting off breeding and animal cruelty needs to stop

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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The suffer from malnutrition starvation, poor living conditions. Would you be ok with someone doing this to you or your family if not stop it now. We also should be directing people to adopt the animals that have been abandoned and in our shelters. Fund spay and neuter programs to reduce the suffering. Sick or dying animals are left to live and die with no love or comfort. They over breed the adults until there is no use for them and then discard them. This is sickening and should be a made criminal, people in this industry have been proven to lack empathy. This is causing more problems in our growing city. This is not and will not ever be properly regulated respectable business. It is a despicable way to make money, no sentient being should have to suffer at the hands of human beings like this anymore. It is time for us to evolve as a human race, this would be a good start. This practice of breeding for profit lacks vision, intelligence, basic morals and values in caring for other living beings. We need to focus our energy and resources on solutions and that would be shelters, rescue, helping owners to find homes. Spay and neuter programs please do the right thing and stop this cruelty



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Last name [required] Reinhardt

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[required] - max 75 characters Banning dog sales in city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



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A full out ban is not going to be the solution and it will come with it's own set of problems. A ban like this won't actually do much to stop the backyard breeders because they generally find ways around things like this.

This will actively hurt the responsible breeders who dedicate their lives to giving their dogs the best care, make all their decisions based on what is both best for the breed, the dog and their puppy owners. They strive to breed healthy animals with good temperaments who are raised so that they will have the best start in life and go to being a really good lifelong pet. They screen their owners carefully and usually have a relationship with all their puppy owners for life.

By stopping ethical breeders, by default you are only supporting unethically bred dogs. The dogs in rescue will not be from ethical breeders because they have a contract saying that at any time in the dogs life that should the owner need to find a home that they will always take the dog or help find a good home. That their puppies will not end up in rescue, auction etc.

That means the dogs in rescue are coming from backyard breeders and careless ownership. If those are the only animals allowed to be sold, that means that society is only supporting the initial person who was responsible for that puppy - which is the irresponsible or careless breeder. Good breeders will stop. Well bred dogs bred purposefully for their good temperament will disappear and only dogs remain who were not bred for health and temperament remain. Many shelter dogs have been traumatized and come with an array of health and mental issues. Many of these require great resources financially and emotionally to rehabilitate, and some will remain damaged for life. In the end, it will still result in terrible things for the animal and the owner. A lot of owners aren't experienced enough to handle these situations.

Rather than a blanket ban, a study should be done first to find out where the dogs are coming from largely and programs put into effect to help keep those populations in check. Owners should still have the option of choosing who they want to support. They should also be expected to do their homework and be prepared to wait for the dog that is the best fit for them. Rescue dogs are still a purchase. Money changes hands. Whether or not they make a profit isn't what makes it a purchase. Most good breeders often are very lucky if they make any profit either after all the health testing and other expenses also.

Educating the public to be able to recognize a good breeder and what is involved in contracts would be a good start.

This just can't be a black and white solution.



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Last name [required] Wang

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 17, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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Advocate for animal welfare. By banning the retail sale of these animals, we can take a crucial step toward ending pet overpopulation and promoting responsible pet sourcing citywide. and help to protect countless animals from neglect and abandonment.



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Last name [required] Louie

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Date of meeting [required] Dec 18, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here)

[required] - max 75 characters Ban of selling animals in pet stores

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour

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There are too many animals in shelters. By stopping retail stores from sellong then it will push people tp adopt from shelters instead



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Last name [required] Faulds

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[required] - max 75 characters Notice of motion, EC2024-1336

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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This ban of sale won't stop or help the issues at hand. Education and finding solutions to the issues of people not being able to afford to keep their families together anymore should be. The rising costs of living and the general waste of tax payer money should be addressed first and foremost. Having bylaws saying pets can't be sold in businesses only push the bad eggs further into the darkness. We need sunlight on the people that do the breeding for profit only in the style of puppy mills, these people need to have the restrictions of ownership added to them not to the general population. If people could afford to keep the animals and not have shelters overrun this wouldn't be an issue but with the cost of just living here skyrocketing year after year, homelessness and people living without food or heat shows a real issue happening now.



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First name [required] **Lauren**

Last name [required] **Taylor**

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Date of meeting [required] **Dec 18, 2024**

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[required] - max 75 characters **Banning animal sales**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**

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As someone who has worked at The Calgary Humane Society and who fights for animal rights everyday, it is SO crucial that we ban the sales of bred for profit animals. Shelters in Alberta are struggling to make ends meet due to the constant revolving door of animals being dumped, surrendered, found as strays, abused etc. These poor animals depend on humans for survival, yet are discarded and exploited for human profit. This has created a viscous cycle and endless battle of trying to save those no longer wanted. Breeders however, are making insane profits and only contributing to the overpopulation crisis and inhumane treatment of these animals. Shelter dogs, if given the chance are just as lovable and deserve a home too.

I think it would speak wonders if Calgary was to set the precedent on this matter and hopefully encourage other cities to do the same.

This bylaw would have a positive trickle down effect for everyone. Please strongly consider what passing this bylaw would mean for the animals. They are the only things that show unconditional love regardless of how you treat them and they deserve to have their voices heard. Thank you.

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First name [required] **Laurence**

Last name [required] **Mulryan**

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Date of meeting [required] **Dec 17, 2024**

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[required] - max 75 characters **banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] **In favour**



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Date of meeting [required] Dec 19, 2024

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[required] - max 75 characters Retail sale of dogs cat etc

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2024-05)

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I dont agree with this because there are certain needs that families require for a dog that you can't get from a rescue, i think what needs to be done is the stopping of backyard breeders and only allow certified breeders to sell. As someone that has allergies to certain dogs i need to have the flexibility to be able to find what i need in a dog which i cant find in a shelter.

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First name [required] Dana

Last name [required] Schnirer

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[required] - max 75 characters banning the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits within the city.

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour



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