

Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources

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HB25-1180 Prohibiting Pet Animal Sales in Public Spaces

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Elise Elswood For themselves	<p>Please support HB25-1180. As an owner of 5 rescue mothers who were discarded by out of state breeders at age 7, I am asking that puppy pet stores not be allowed in Colorado. The abuse my USDA certified girls went through for years in a cage is horrendous. One nearly lost her jaw due to dental disease never being corrected. 3 others have no teeth left now that they have vets who do dentals. By drinking from rabbit water bottles in these cages, the mothers can never fully clean and flush their mouths. They lived horrible lives of boredom without any time outside their cages. Most of my dogs have so much mental regression from years sitting in cages, they cannot be trained, just loved by me. We need to stop the cycle of breeder mothers being thrown away when they stop whelping puppies. None of this in kind or good. HB25-1180 is a huge step forward showing compassion for these companion animals.</p> <p>Thank you, Elise Elswood</p>
Lacy Couch For themselves	<p>I spent many years in the veterinary industry and as a volunteer with several animal rescue organizations. I've seen first hand the sick, injured and abused dogs coming from puppy mills, and the impact the puppies they sell have on the community. There is no reason to continue to allow this unethical practice to continue. The people who run these businesses are unscrupulous and often engaged in other illegal activities. This does not benefit Colorado nor Coloradans.</p>
Kanada Sorensen For themselves	<p>I support HB25-1180 (Prohibiting Pet Animal Sales in Public Spaces). A responsible breeder would not sell their puppies/animals in a public place for just anyone to purchase; they would do background checks and check out the homes of where their animals would live. Someone that sells animals in public spaces are not looking out for the animal's well-being and are often representatives of a puppy/cat mill. Animals bred in puppy or cat mills live in horrible conditions. They receive the basics of food, water, and shelter at best. These animals are often of ill health, live in filth until sold, and receive little, if any, physical contact from the humans "caring" for them. The females left behind have to continue to birth more puppies/kittens or else they are killed for not producing a profit. When purchasing an animal in a public space, a consumer does not know where the animal came from, what type of medical care the animal has received, and has no recourse if the animal becomes sick shortly after purchasing. Please vote in support of this house bill to keep animals and community members safe from these deceptive practices. If people want to add a pet to their</p>

	household, there are numerous ways for this to occur: adopt from a shelter or rescue or purchase an animal from a responsible breeder. Please stand up for animal rights.
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- Puppies frequently come from out-of-state and Colorado puppy mills, bred without proper care.
- Puppies can be under 8 weeks old, unvaccinated, or suffering from an illness.
- After purchasing a sick pet, buyers have no recourse and are stuck with high veterinary costs.
- Sellers disappear after the sale, avoiding accountability.
- Sellers bypass local and PACFA breeder regulations and licensing.
- Impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrendered pets, adding to shelter overcrowding.



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