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**Immediate Release**

**Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution in support of a Statewide Prohibition on the Sale of Commercially Raised Dog and Cats in Pet Stores.**

**Jersey City**-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved resolution in support of a statewide prohibition on the sale of commercially raised dog and cats in pet stores.

Most dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals is disregarded to maximize profits.

Public records indicate that New Jersey pet stores obtain puppies from puppy mill breeders and brokers with terrible animal welfare records.

The documented abuses endemic to puppy and kitten mills including, overbreeding, inbreeding, minimal or nonexistent veterinary care, lack of adequate food, water and shelter, and lack of socialization and exercise.

Pet store puppies often endure long, stressful, unsanitary transports from Midwest puppy mills in cramped conditions with other puppies, often leading to the spread of illnesses.

Pet stores often mislead consumers about the origin, health, and behavior of the puppies

they sell and often sell sick and behaviorally challenged puppies from facilities that most consumers would find appealing.

Pet store customers often end up with sick puppies, large veterinary bills, and the heartbreak of caring for a sick puppy, or in some cases having a new puppy die.

Current federal state regulations do not adequately address the animal welfare and consumer protection issues associated with the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores.

The vast majority of pet stores, both large chains and small mom and pop shops, do not sell dogs and cats but rather sell pet food and products and offer in-demand services.

This resolution will not prevent consumers from obtaining the dog or cat of their choice directly from a responsible breeder or from a shelter or rescue.

Seven states, including New York, have enacted prohibitions on the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores, leaving New Jersey vulnerable to an influx of bad actors.

One hundred forty New Jersey Communities prohibit the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores and 15 plus cities and counties have enacted similar resolutions.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano and the Board of Commissioners urges the New Jersey Legislature to enact State Legislation prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores.

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