

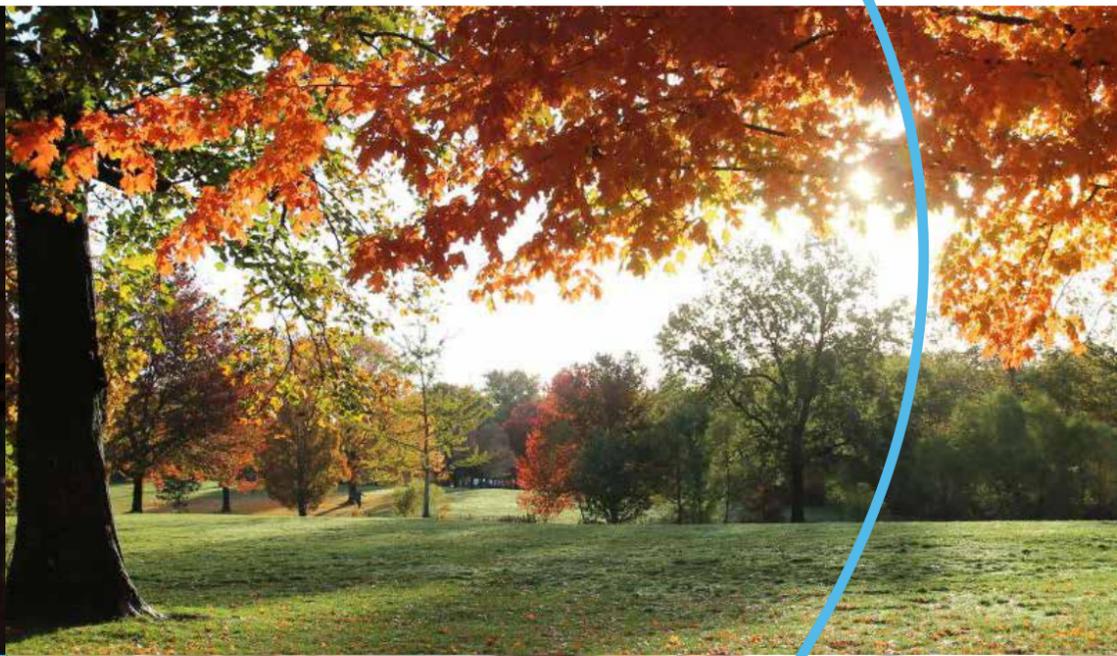
# PROTECTING PUPPIES PROTECTING PEOPLE

*Why Bloomington must pass Ordinance 21-45 prohibiting the sale of puppies in pet stores*



**BLOOMINGTON HAS IT ALL:** lively restaurants, a vibrant art and music scene, beautiful parks . . . **AND PLENTY OF CUTE DOGS.\***

*\*These puppies are from City of Bloomington Animal Care & Control.*



Bloomington is home to an **OUTSTANDING PUBLIC ANIMAL SHELTER** as well as to **NUMEROUS RESCUES** and **ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS**.

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# But Bloomington has another — **unwelcome** — distinction

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Bloomington is  
**ONE OF THE FEW**  
remaining towns  
of its size in the  
entire United  
States to be the  
home of **NOT ONE**  
**BUT TWO PET STORES**  
**THAT SELL PUPPIES.**

**FACT**

**Over 400 towns**  
**and 5 states**  
**now prohibit the**  
**sale of puppies**  
**in pet stores.**

**IT'S HIGH TIME FOR BLOOMINGTON TO**

**PASS ORDINANCE 21-45**

**HERE'S  
WHY**

# WHAT'S WRONG WITH PET STORE PUPPIES?

The puppies sold in pet stores come from unsanitary, unhealthy breeding operations known as puppy mills.

## DOGS IN PUPPY MILLS

spend their **LIVES**  
in **CRAMPED**  
**CAGES**

receive **LITTLE** or  
**NO MEDICAL**  
**ATTENTION**

receive  
**INADEQUATE FOOD**  
and **WATER**

are **POORLY**  
**SOCIALIZED**, because  
they have **LITTLE**  
**HUMAN CONTACT**

# THE TRUTH ABOUT PUPPY MILLS



**10,000**  
**PUPPY MILLS**

are estimated to be currently active in the United States



**500,000+**  
**DOGS**

are kept solely for breeding in USDA-licensed facilities. Sadly, a license is not a guarantee of a breeder's quality



**2 MILLION**  
**PUPPIES**

are sold each year after originating from a puppy mill

# PET STORE PUPPIES ARE OFTEN SICK

And they can spread disease to humans.



Even if the puppies look fine in the pet store, once their new owners get them home, they may face **HUGE VETERINARY BILLS**, which the **PET STORES REFUSE TO PAY.**

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Over the past several years, the Center for Disease Control found that over **140 PEOPLE** in more than **20 STATES** were infected with a drug-resistant diarrheal disease picked up from pet store puppies. **DOZENS OF PEOPLE** have even had to be hospitalized.

# BEHIND EVERY **CUTE PUPPY** IN A PET STORE THERE ARE **SUFFERING PARENTS.**

Consumers can't see the parents who gave birth to the adorable-looking puppies in the pet store.

The pet store puppy's parents were bred over and over until they fell ill.  
**THEN THEY WERE KILLED OR ABANDONED.**

*These two mama dogs were rescued from a puppy mill in Martin County, Indiana, in 2019.*





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**PET STORE**

# THERE'S ALREADY WIDESPREAD AND GROWING SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF A HUMANE PET STORE ORDINANCE

**The Bloomington Animal Control Commission** unanimously approved passage of **Ordinance 21-45** in November 2021.

**More than 400 U.S. communities,** including **5** in Indiana (**St. Joseph County, Columbus, Dyer, Highland, and Crown Point**) have passed humane pet store ordinances.

**5 states,** including Illinois, have passed legislation prohibiting the sale of puppies in pet stores.

**JOIN THIS GROWING LIST OF STATES + CITIES + TOWNS – PASS ORDINANCE 21-45**

# PET STORES LIKE **petco** AND **PETSMART** HAVE ALREADY MOVED TO A HUMANE BUSINESS MODEL



Pet stores who offer supplies and provide grooming, training or boarding services can succeed quite well without puppy sales. Just look at the Bloomington branches of Petco and PetSmart. In fact, among the nation's **TOP 25 PET STORES**, only **ONE CHAIN** still sells puppy-mill puppies.

Under **Ordinance 21-45**, pet stores will still be able to **SHOWCASE PUPPIES** from rescues and shelters. There are now **3,000+ PET STORES** across the country who follow this model and report great results.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) offers a **Puppy Friendly Pet Stores** program that has guided more than **30 PET STORES** through the transition. Participating stores receive free guidance, connections, and publicity every step of the way.



**Pets Plus in Conshohocken, PA, and Super Pet in Tampa, Florida recently joined the [HSUS Puppy Friendly Pet Store](#) program.**



**Thanks for voting YES  
on Ordinance 21-45!**

