

Hi there,

My name is Hadley and I am an employee with Critter Cabana in the Wilsonville location. I am opposed to HB2904. I personally have seen families lives changed from coming into our store to purchase a puppy from us. A lot of our customers come to our store looking for a puppy so they can train it up from the start and train it the way they want it to be trained, we also have a lot of families come in and want their kids to train the puppy from the start, you can't always do that anywhere else, you also can't get pictures of the puppies parents and the health history of the parents, we also always get each puppy a vet evaluation and microchip them before they are for sale. We are all about making sure the puppy is healthy and taken care of. Our entire staff is very honest with customers where our puppies come from and who they come from, we also are very honest about if the puppy that they are interested in fits their lifestyle and their home environment. We never push a customer into purchasing a puppy, these puppies are literally like our kids and when we send a family home with a puppy we make sure that they are supplied and prepared for whatever they need to make this animal a lifelong companion. We also get a lot of people coming in looking for emotional support or service dogs, they can't go to shelters to find a brand new puppy ready to be trained from the start to make it their service animal. We had a little Whippet/Italian Greyhound named Charlie once and he was my absolute favorite puppy, we had a family with 2 little boys and one of their boys was special needs, they came in and explained that they needed to go to New York for brain surgery for their son, so they kept Charlie with us for a week while they were gone, in that timeframe we got to work with Charlie on a couple simple commands before he went home. I see these type of families come in on a daily basis needing a service dog, and we help them find the perfect match for what they are looking for. We also allow customers to do free 24 hour holds on the animals that way there are no quick decisions because we never want our puppies to go home on a whim and not get the right home. We also are very on top of if we have a breeder reaching out to us to sell their little of puppies to us we look into who they are, where they are from, we also go to the breeders houses and meet them and the parents of the puppies. We also have our breeders fill out paperwork with as much info they can give. We never ever purchase from puppy mills! We are all animal lovers and never want to get puppies from puppy mills. I myself have personally gone to breeders houses to meet with them and see their home environment and meet the puppies and their mom and dad. I have never felt like these animals are at risk or not properly taken care of. I have many of our breeders who are consistently in contact with us checking in on how the puppies are doing and ask for photos and updates, these animals are a huge part of their lives and are like family to them and all of our staff. We get a large vast of customers come into our store who are looking for the perfect fit of puppy they need. We get anyone from farmers to people looking for a family puppy, to people looking for a companion for their home. I have people come from all over the state and surrounding states come to our store just to purchase a puppy from us because we are opposed to puppy mills and are all about the animals health and livelihood. These are just a handful of reasons why I am OPPOSED to HB 2804! Our animals are loved and cared for, they are like family to us.