



Nature's Pet Market  
1330 NE Orenco Station Pkwy  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

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Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly,

As the Owners of Nature's Pet Market in Hillsboro, OR, we are writing in support of H.B. 2804 which would dictate that a retail pet store may not sell or offer to sell a dog, cat or rabbit that the store acquired from a source other than an animal shelter or a rescue organization. This bill will help dry up the market for puppy mill puppies and shift the market towards more humane sources like responsible breeders, shelters, and rescues.

At Nature's Pet we operate a humane business model – we do not sell puppies because we believe pets should never be treated as products. Additionally, it is impossible to know for certain whether the puppy, kitten or rabbit was bred in inhumane conditions. We are a pet supply store dedicated to providing the finest pet food and treats, quality toys, stylish clothing and collars, custom beds, and much more. We strive to provide an experience that is fashionable and fun, a place where dogs of all types bring their owners to shop and socialize. We also give back to the community that supports us by promoting local dog and cat rescues and holding adoption events at our store

Nature's Pet is proof that pet stores do not need to sell commercially-bred dogs, cats or rabbits to be successful. We are a thriving business that has been in operation since 2009. H.B. 2804 is a step in the right direction and would help lift the burden off shelters and rescues of finding families for homeless pets, many of who are euthanized each year in Oregon. This bill would also cut off the puppy mill to pet store supply chain, thereby protecting consumers and animals.

We are proud that we have never sold live animals. We support this legislation requiring pet stores to operate responsibly and hope you will too. Our animals deserve better.

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