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Green Dog Pet Supply is a strong proponent of the elimination of sales of dogs and cats in pet supply stores. Being confined in store enclosures can effect their potty training in a negative way and create stress-based behavioral problems. It also inhibits much of the early socialization to the outdoors and its complexities, putting them at risk of future behavioral issues. There is also a strong chance that these young animals were bred by unscrupulous "breeders" who are primarily motivated by profit and not attending to the physical or psychological health of the animals in their care.

I've heard some pet store owners that currently sell puppies and kittens in their stores are worrying that eliminating pet sales would negatively affect their business, but after owning a pet supply store for close to 19 years, I can assure them that carrying high quality pet supplies and foods is a sure path towards fiscal success. Oregon needs to join the over 400 U.S.cities and now five states that have banned sales of dogs/cats at retail pet stores.

Thank you for considering this issue in Oregon