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I am an active part of the rescue community. I strongly support this bill that would effectively ban people breeding and selling puppies and kittens through pet stores. Breeders that sell puppies or kittens to pet stores historically do not adequately vaccinate, worm, vet, etc. ~ and do not provide ethical settings for their animals (ie puppy mill settings) and are far more invested in profit over the cats' or dogs' welfare.

We have an overwhelming need to care for dogs and cats displaced, surrendered, abused, abandoned, neglected and unplanned litters of cats and dogs in this community (as well as across the country). If there's going to be dogs and cats in pet stores ~ let it be those dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of homes and not to people breeding for profit.

Animal rescue people see the heartbreaking results of uncared for cats and dogs suffering the consequences of cats and dogs in sad situations, neglected and in dire need of a loving home.

Compassion is treating, rescuing, vetting and providing those pets loving homes. Pet stores are about profit. Let's make an ethical stance to make a legal decision that compassion and advocacy for animals' lives is more important than profit.

Let's put Oregon on the map with other states that have made the same compassionate and respectful decision that is protective of dogs and cats. I wish pet stores wouldn't sell any animals for all the same reasons. But this is at least a start.