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HB 2915 is a MUST PASS, in my opinion.

A majority of puppies sold in retail pet stores are born in puppy mills in inhumane spaces where they are often exposed to disease, not given adequate veterinary attention, and spend their days in cramped, dirty spaces.

By not allowing cats and dogs to be sold in retail pet stores, more people may be encouraged to adopt animals from shelters who are in need of homes, or seek pets via other more humane methods. No one needs a "Labradoodle" just because the name sounds cute. There are thousands of cute rescue animals who need homes much more urgently than purpose-bred animals.

Currently, the ASPCA estimates that approximately 6.3 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.1 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. This bill could ensure that more of these animals find good homes.

Thank you for supporting HB 2915!