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Please support this common sense, fair bill which prohibits future pet stores from selling puppies or kittens (the six stores that presently sell them are allowed to continue doing so). Cats and dogs are readily available at pet shelters or from breeders, where their health has been checked out and maintained, and they have been vaccinated and chipped. The problem with store sales is that the animals have often come from "puppy mills", where the mom has been abused and crowded conditions foster upper respiratory infection or other ailments. Often the history is unknown. I have worked as a foster parent for cats at the Oregon Humane Society and continue to follow their work. My niece worked for a dog breeder. There is no need to buy a pet from a pet store.