

April 20, 2023

RE: HB 2915A (Stop Puppy Mill sales) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee:

As a responsible breeder of AKC registered miniature dachshunds, I wanted to express my support for HB 2915A.

Puppy mills raise dogs in unsanitary and crowded conditions that lack adequate care for the dams, sires, and puppies.

My puppies were raised in a caring environment. The dams were only allowed to have one litter per year instead of multiple litters with no break from them to recover from whelping a litter. All puppies were socialized in preparation for their forever homes.

I shipped puppies all over this country. In order to do so, they were required to have a veterinary health exam as well as the first round of vaccines and de-worming in preparation to go to their new home. I spent time getting to know prospective buyers to ensure that the puppies were going to a good home. Additionally, the new owners were required to sign a contract that protected them if there was a problem where I would take the dog back and refund their money. I also required that I be given first right of refusal if they decided to sell or give the dog away.

The American Kennel Club suggests that those looking for breed dogs contact a responsible breeder to ensure the health and well being of their new furry friend.

Pet stores do not provide these guarantees to buyers and in many cases, the animals are sick, mal-nourished, and mistreated whether from the puppy mill or the store.

Please pass HB 2915A and protect our furry friends from abuse.

Thank you!