

KITSAP COUNTY CODE

KCC CHAPTER 7 - ANIMALS, RETAIL SALES OF CATS AND DOGS

Below is a matrix of written comments submitted between March 12, 2019 and April 29, 2019 regarding a draft Kitsap County ordinance limiting the retail sales of puppies and kittens in unincorporated Kitsap County. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 and during the hearing oral testimony was provided by 24 attendees. The commissioners extended the written public comment period for the April 22nd hearing to Monday, April 29th, 2019. Section 1 includes email comments without attachments and comments from the agenda comment form. Section 2 includes comments with attachments. Comments are provided in full (except for contact information) to provide more comprehensive detail. In total, the below summary shows 154 different comment submittals, one of which includes a petition with 91 different names. In addition to the below matrix, another pdf document provides attachments to the Section 2 comments (this document with attachments includes 624 pages).

Section 1: Email comments without attachments and comments from agenda comment form

No.	Date	Name	Comment	Summary
1	3/13/2019	Eric Steven	<p>Thank you, Jennifer.</p> <p>We appreciated the thoughtful and thorough work of Kitsap County on this matter. As we have commented on earlier drafts and have supported the overall direction and intent of this proposed ordinance, we have no further comments other than continued support and appreciation of these proposed changes.</p> <p>Eric Steven, Kitsap Humane Society Executive Director Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome.</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

No.	Date	Name	Comment	Summary
2	3/13/2019	Karyn Moni	<p>Thank you for keeping me in the loop, and I am so happy the County has new policy to consider. The new policy changes are very encouraging, and I look forward to seeing this progress through passage! I wanted to offer one definition Elizabeth Oreck, National Manager/Puppy Mill Initiatives, has mentioned in helping with other legislation. She has strengthened the definition of animal rescue organizations to close the loophole for sham rescues. Communities with retail sales bans have discovered some puppy mills have found ways to classify themselves as rescues. The stronger language suggested was: "Animal rescue organization means any not-for-profit organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes, and which does not breed animals or obtain animals from a breeder or broker in exchange for payment or compensation."</p> <p>Thank you for your continued work on this issue that I hope passes in Kitsap County,</p> <p>Karyn Moni</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, animal welfare organization definition</i></p>

3	3/14/19	Jack and Jeanne Munro	<p>To all concerned please rethink proposed county regulation to ban retail puppy sales</p> <p>I am Jack Munro, a God fearing and Christ loving Christian man. I am college educated and have spent 45 of my 73 years owning my own businesses. For 42 of those years I have operated a pet and feed store in Silverdale, Kitsap County named Farmland Pets and Feed. My wife, Jeanne, is college educated. She has been my business partner while at the same time working for Washington State Social and Health Services. She was this States Director of The Department of Rehabilitation for 14 years. We have been married for 50 years and together we have raised 3 daughters. Two of them have collegiate PhD's in the Sciences and work in rehabilitation. Our third daughter manages our store. She is college graduated with 30+ years experience in animal husbandry and qualifies for a PhD. in animal science All of our daughters supplemented payment for their educations by raising replacement dairy heifers and working for us in the store. All three participated in raising 4H animals for sale at the fair. In 42 years I am proud to say that my store has paid over \$200,000 to 4H kids for their animals.</p> <p>I write all of this so you will know that I didn't just walk out of the woods and say "I think I will sell puppies." In our early years of marriage we raised and exhibited Collies for AKC events. We purchased a 20 acre poultry farm in south Kitsap and I proceeded to collect over a 100 types of poultry. We financed all of this by my wife's income and by my income from Boeing. The poultry business became all consuming and grew into a regional hatchery. The problem with the hatchery business is that people only want to buy poultry in the spring and early summer. The company making the profits from my poultry was the feed company selling my animals their feed. I decided that I was on the wrong end in farming and made the decision to start a feed store.</p> <p>First I had to make the decision to stop working for Boeing. I was a high level Quality Control worker. The decision to leave the job security and wages behind was not an easy one to make. I was aided in making my decision by a friend and fellow Boeing employee who was in tune with my ideas for a farm pet and feed store. So much so that he lent me \$5,000, for a piece of the action, and along with my accumulated retirement of \$3,000 I began the daunting task of starting a business. At this point it would take a book worth of print to explain the ups, downs, ins and outs of building a successful business with only \$8,000. I won't write it now, but we succeeded and repaid the loan with interest. Thanks to you David W.</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
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			<p>What if a law passed would make it illegal to have your own child. What if it were mandated that all children must be adopted rescues? Of course you will not know their birth country or their birth date. You will not have any accumulated data as to their health history or their families. You will have no record of Vaccinations or medical procedures. But joy of joys, you can relax. If they turn out to be of bad sorts, it will be ok because they can't reproduce. That's right, they will all be spayed or neutered, of course, before puberty. What's wrong with that?</p> <p>This might be a stretch in analogy but if you are foolish enough to think that PETA is going to stop at Pet Store Puppy sales, think again. The back yard breeder is next, then the "professional" dog show breeder. Hold on to your wallets because the cost of purchasing a puppy is going way up. Look at the bright side. If you don't own a dog you won't have to buy dog food, get it groomed or board it and no Veterinarian bills. Think of the money you will save! Please don't worry about all those service people going out of business. There's always unemployment insurance to draw on.</p> <p>Let's try another analogy;</p> <p>Let's say that you are in the business of selling Pizza or deli sandwiches. We all know by the commercials on TV, the fresher the ingredients the better the food. But hold on just a minute here. Do you not know that the local grocery stores must throw out old, unclaimed and unwanted meats and produce on a daily basis? Let's create a law that makes it a crime for pizza or deli sandwich restaurants to source ingredients from anywhere other than these grocery store castoffs. No fresh meat or produce. We know, Pizza and sandwiches won't be quite the same taste but look at the good you will be doing. Sound far fetched, think about it.....</p> <p>This proposed regulatory bill is a travesty of justice. It is written specifically to target my pet store. I will loose monetarily and the State of Washington will loose \$50,000 in tax revenue. The public looses a safe choice and guarantees. Please vote against this proposal as it is currently written.</p> <p>Thank you, Jack and Jeanne Munro</p>	

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4	3/17/2019	Cindy Keen and Shinjiru Akitas	<p>Hi Jennifer,</p> <p>I just saw this email and it is past the March 15th date. I hope that there will be time for input as I need to read your attachment and will do that in the morning. If it is easier to call you I would rather do that and I do passionately which to add a “Hobby breeder’s input” as there are many things that are ignored in a “puppy mill facility”. Unfortunately, USDA has allowed the “puppy mill” situation to continue and has made it harder for breeders who are like me, that only breed for the betterment of the breeds. I happen to breed Akitas and they are not often bred as much as other breeds, however, I just read today that there are 140 Akitas in only 4 rescue groups for Akitas. That means that puppy mills are breeding them as every breeder that I know (which are many) always take back the dogs that we have bred. Thank you for getting back to me as I am truly passionate about my beloved breed and yet I KNOW that they are not the breed for everyone.</p> <p>I’ll be contacting you soon.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Cindy Keen and Shinjiru Akitas</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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5	3/18/2019	Marylou Zimmerman	<p>Jennifer-</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on these proposed ordinances. I have reviewed them and feel that you have done a very thorough job of listening and expressing the views of the many stakeholders equitably.</p> <p>I feel the proposed changes reflect current best practices and applaud your effort.</p> <p>I would like to bring up something that may become a growing concern in the future, and that is in 7.08.065, section (g) Number 3. Currently it states that an enthusiast will “Alter all animals.” You may know that current veterinary research is showing increasing correlation between health risks (osteosarcoma, cruciate ligament tears, spinal injuries among others) in dogs that are sterilized prior to the completion of full growth - for many large and giant breeds, this can be up to 2 years of age before their growth plates are closed. Many ethical, preservation breeders are contractually requiring their buyers to wait to sterilize until this age to ensure the best possible health outcomes for the animals they breed. This could conceivably become a point of contention with an Enthusiast or any pet owner who has intact animals beyond the juvenile phase of growth.</p> <p>Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Marylou Zimmerman Program Director, PAWS of Bainbridge & North Kitsap <i>People Helping Pets . . . Pets Helping People</i></p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, Concern about age of alteration</i></p>

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6	3/20/2019	Eric Stevens	<p>Eric and Jennifer,</p> <p>I will forward this to Dr. Jen Stonequist, our Director of Shelter Medicine - who can provide a clearer, more scientific medical reply. I see two very distinct and valid sides to this issue. On the one hand, there are very real <u>health benefits to spay/neuter</u>. And overall, from an animal health standpoint, a public health standpoint and prevention of animal over-population standpoint, as a shelter, we spay/neuter all animals before adoption. PAWS spay/neuters the cats they adopt out. People love adopting rescued pets, but if they want a pet that is not altered, they can go somewhere else to acquire a pet. On the other side of the issue, I am aware of the studies and arguments that people have about the benefits of waiting for sterilize. There are a lot of pet owners who have this feeling, and who acquire their pets from breeders. I also think there is a demographic bias - people who are more affluent may have more luxury to buy more expensive bred pets. People who are hobbyists and enthusiasts are serious about owning/caring for pets. Someone who is a breeding a small number of animals for a select audience may likely feel this rule may impinge on their business if they were required to sterilize at a young age - as they may lose important customers. I like the statement provided: <i>"Many ethical, preservation breeders are contractually requiring their buyers to wait to sterilize until this age to ensure the best possible health outcomes for the animals they breed."</i> I think KHS (and the County) would be setting itself up for conflict if we REQUIRE spay/neuter at a young age - but then I'm not sure how we get at the ethical issues of the need to have pets fixed to prevent over-population. I'll get input from my staff - but it may take a few days, as Dr. Jen is off now until Friday.</p> <p>Eric Stevens Kitsap Humane Society Executive Director Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome.</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, Information regarding health benefits of altering via spaying or neutering</i></p>

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7	4/9/2019	Carollynn Zimmers	<p>Hi Jennifer. Thank you for all your valuable information during our call today. I have attached the flyers and the power point (PDF, not yet finished) for our May 4th Kitsap Aware forum on Adopt Don't Shop: The Movement to Ban Puppy Mill Sales. The first hour will be the power point and Q&A. The second hour will be a panel of experts who can speak to different aspects of puppy mills and laws/ordinances. We think that it would be very timely if someone from your office knowledgeable about the new county ordinance could give a brief overview and field come Q&A along with the other panelists. After the panel discussion, there will be a time to mingle, answer questions and network.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carollynn Zimmers, DVM</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
8	4/19/2019	Dianna Palermo	<p>Subject: Comments on Retail Sales of Puppies and Kittens</p> <p>I purchased a puppy from Farmland Pets partly based on their free vet visit and that our puppy was supposedly from a local breeder that they'd worked with for years. The vet visit was cursory. Just feeling her body, listening to her heart and lungs and taking her temperature. No blood work or anything else done or recommended. At 6 months of age, she developed problems walking. Our neighborhood vet found hip dysplasia plus she had developed hereditary cataracts. I went back to Farmland to let them know about these hereditary issues from their breeder. They totally discounted the problems and reminded us that we couldn't return our puppy. We and our vet loved and cared for our girl until age 5 when we euthanized her due to her on-going pain and decline. Since then, I've heard the same kinds of stories and warnings about Farmland and wondered why they're still allowed to do this. Once we had our new family member home, there is no way we would have returned her but Farmland should not be allowed to make money off dogs that are in-bred and from a breeder that has been cited many times by the USDA. They're just perpetuating a vicious cycle. I totally support the new Kitsap County regulations.</p> <p>Dianna Palermo Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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9	4/20/2019	Margi Moore	<p>Dear Commissioners Gelder, Garrido and Wolfe:</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed code revision of Chapter 7 of the Kitsap County Code. Why are we allowing out of state breeders who do not follow humane business practices to sell their puppies to a local business here? The ban on retail sales of puppies and kittens will go a long way to end the suffering these mill operators perpetuate. I encourage you to move this code revision forward and ban the retail sales of puppies and kittens in Kitsap County. I would like to include the text of a letter to the Editor of The Kitsap Sun I just sent. I do not know if it will be published, but I can certainly share my opinion with you:</p> <p>'I would like to set the record straight about the puppy mill supplier that the Farmland owner calls the epitome of a breeding facility. He's right. Suffering is the epitome of a high volume, factory farm puppy mill. Their supplier is regulated only by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and compliance is limited to allowing the dogs that live their lives in the mills a cage that is 6" longer than they are with their tail tucked and 6" higher than they are when standing. They do not require a firm base, so the dogs stand on wire grates their whole lives. These cages do not allow for stretching or for some dogs, even circling to lie down. There is no requirement for being let outside to exercise. Ever.</p> <p>Munro states he doesn't do anything wrong and if the county takes away money from him he will not be able to maintain his business. Is it RIGHT to support a breeder who may be acting legally, but not morally or humanely? This is just about the money for him. The dogs live their lives in a cage for his profit. That is totally wrong. This is about more than money. This is about how we treat God's creatures on this earth. Any business model that perpetuates inhumane treatment of these dogs is wrong.'</p> <p>Thank you, Margi Moore Port Orchard, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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10	4/20/2019	Chad Spector	<p>Subject: Retail sales of Puppies and Kittens</p> <p>Having entered the Farmland store once, and vowed to never return due to their obvious participation in the puppy mill economy, it's about time the county did something to remove this scourge from our community. I applaud your efforts to do just that with this ordinance. If their business is no longer viable under such regulation so be it.</p> <p>Chad Spector Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
11	4/20/2019	Lynette Ackman	<p>I support the ban on retail sale of dogs and cats in Kitsap County.</p> <p>There are plenty of options for adopting a homeless pet. For those that reject that option, they can contact a *reputable* breeder. Pet “shops” should only sell pet supplies (not pets) or serve as a place to view homeless animals up for adoption.</p> <p>Lynette Ackman Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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12	4/20/2019	Tina Chenevert	<p>Dear Mr. Baker,</p> <p>I applaud your foresight and goal of minimizing puppy and cat mills through your proposal of passing this excellent policy for Kitsap. Bravo!!</p> <p>I have seen firsthand the deplorable results of dogs who have been kept in deplorable conditions to breed only. It is no way for dogs or cats to be kept. We as a society should stop these abhorrent practices and your policy will make substantial inroads toward doing just that.</p> <p>With the extremely high number of unwanted dogs and cats and our society's disgusting matching rate of euthanization of animals that results, any argument against your proposal lacks merit because it includes a humane way of allowing some sales of animals that have been bred.</p> <p>There are plenty of rescued animals at the Kitsap Humane Society for potential adopters and places like Farmland to use as a source for domestic pets. Allowing the sale of commercially raised animals from cruel puppy and cat mills greatly exacerbates the problem of having too many unwanted animals that ultimately face euthanasia because there are not enough homes or conscientious shelters (like Kitsap Humane Society) to take them in.</p> <p>Please do everything humanly possible to ensure passage of this new policy. Innocent, helpless dogs and cats deserve our protection not cruel exploitation for profit.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your stewardship on behalf of all dogs and cats and responsible pet owners here in Kitsap County.</p> <p>Tina Chenevert Seabeck, WA</p>	Supports ordinance

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13	4/21/2019	Brenda Walls	<p data-bbox="600 235 1654 264">Subject: The pet store ordinance restricting the sale of puppies and kittens in pets stores</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1703 583">I support banning the selling of puppies and kittens. I am unable to attend the 4/22 meeting so I am emailing to let you know I am a resident and home owner in Kitsap County and I fully support the banning the sale of puppies and kittens in our county. Its time for KC as a whole to stand with the other towns/cities in our area and ban this practice. The places they get these animals from are usually just mass breeding animals for profit with very little concern to the health and well being of the animals. It is time to tell these so called "breeders" their practices are outdated and inhumane and KC will not be a part of it. Thank you for considering this issue and I respectfully request you pass this ordinance.</p> <p data-bbox="600 625 816 683">Brenda Walls Port Orchard, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 235 1850 290"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

14	4/22/2019	Chris Kim	<p>Subject: Proposed Title 7 Revisions</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Garrido,</p> <p>I am very excited to see that Kitsap County is joining the growing list of communities across the country who are taking a stand for the safety and well-being of our pets. With the Cities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton and Poulsbo, Kitsap County is on the cusp of setting the new standard for animal welfare in Washington. Work prevents me from attending tonight’s public hearing, but I enthusiastically support all the proposed revisions to Title 7 that will be discussed at this evening’s hearing.</p> <p>While most of the revisions seem to be meeting with consensus in support, I expect there will be a vocal dissenting view regarding the ban on the sale of animals from puppy mills. As a former volunteer at Kitsap Humane Society, current volunteer at the Tacoma Humane Society and founder of Northwest Spay & Neuter Center (NWSNC), I will admit my allegiance is decidedly with the animals. When my wife and I co-founded the parent organization of NWSNC in 2001, the save rate at Kitsap Humane Society was 55-60%. Our efforts, combined with a new administration and committed employees and volunteers at KHS now have that rate over 95%.</p> <p>That kind of dramatic improvement might lead you to believe the need for the proposed retail ban is unnecessary, but that’s not the point. The Kitsap Humane Society is not the instigator for these changes – they are not trying to “eliminate the competition.” As you know, these revisions have been proposed by a dedicated group of regular citizens who care about their community and want to see the end of the misery and suffering inflicted on defenseless animals.</p> <p>The owner and supporters of Farmland – the only business affected by these revisions – will certainly provide a long list of consumers who have happily purchased puppies from their store. But there are clearly a lot of people who have complained about bringing home sick puppies and other animals with ongoing health issues from years of inbreeding.</p> <p>What is unquestionable is that Farmland does in fact get it’s dogs from a large-scale commercial breeding facility – aka “puppy mill” – in Kansas. That puppy mill – BJs & Guys LLC – is recognized as the largest commercial breeder in Kansas. Since 2014, BJs has been cited</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>by USDA inspectors for multiple violations – ranging from dilapidated and unsafe facilities, to lack of care leading to unhygienic conditions. In March of 2014, the USDA inspector wasn't able to perform the inspection because there wasn't a responsible adult present – no adult in a facility housing well over 1200 animals! You don't need a vivid imagination to conjure images of those suffering dogs.</p> <p>As much as I am on the side of compassion, I hope the owners of Farmland can see this as an opportunity. There has been a long-term boycott of the store by similarly-minded Kitsap residents – a boycott that could easily cease when they stop selling puppy mill pups. As far as meeting the needs of residents looking to buy a pure-bred puppy, a quick search of petfinder.org and other sites can easily fill the void - assuming one of the terrific temporary residents at Kitsap Humane doesn't already fit the bill.</p> <p>I appreciate the time you have all taken to understand the issues involved and I look forward to reading about the results from tonight's hearing.</p> <p>Respectfully, Chris Kim Olalla, WA</p>	
15	4/22/2019	Tracy Kim	<p>Subject: Title 7 Revisions</p> <p>I strongly support and implore you to vote yes on the Title 7 revisions, as proposed.</p> <p>Tracy Kim Olalla, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
16	4/22/2019	Christopher Kim	<p>Subject: Proposed Title 7 Revisions</p> <p>I enthusiastically support the ban on the retail sale of animals raised in "puppy mills" and I look forward to telling my friends and family that I live in the first county in WA to take this step forward for compassion!</p> <p>Christopher Kim Olalla, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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17	4/22/2019	Jennifer Brooking	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>Please stop the suffering. You would be horrified by the reality these animals live (and die) in. We have had several rescue pets. The horrors are real and need to be shut down. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Jennifer Brooking Belfair, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
18	4/22/2019	Donna Whittaker	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I am urging the council to pass an ordinance that prevents the sale of puppies and kittens in retail settings. This is the main route puppy mills make their money. This is an inhumane and unethical practice and promotes cruelty to animals. Please do the right thing and stop this in Kitsap County.</p> <p>Donna Whittaker Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
19	4/22/2019	Holly Brewer	<p>Subject: Re. Retail Sales of Puppies and Kittens</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>please note that I object strongly to innocent animals being farmed for sale in inhospitable conditions. Once people can make serious money from breeding animals continually, the business becomes all about money: and not about caring for those who cannot speak for themselves.</p> <p>In banning farmed pets being sold in Kitsap, we not only enable pets to come from loving homes where they can be properly socialized and learn to love people, but we also have rules that reflect our kind values.</p> <p>Thank you, Holly Brewer</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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20	4/22/2019	Jill Clancey	<p data-bbox="600 233 1083 261">Subject: Retail Sales Puppies and Kittens</p> <p data-bbox="600 305 1686 407">I support banning of all retail puppy and kitten sales. As more places ban such activity, the inhumane puppy mills will be shut down for good. We must be the voice for pets who have no voice.</p> <p data-bbox="600 448 737 513">Thank you! Jill Clancey</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 233 1854 293"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

21	4/22/2019	Jenna Jensen	<p>Subject: Kitsap County pet shop ordinance</p> <p>Honorable County Commissioners,</p> <p>On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, our members and supporters in Washington, as well as our Stop Puppy Mills Campaign, we applaud Kitsap County for considering an ordinance that seeks to address the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline. However, the proposed ordinance will do nothing to stop the sale of puppy mill puppies in pet stores.</p> <p>The exemption in Chapter 7.09.010 allows commercial pet facilities, which includes pet shops, to sell dogs and cats from hobbyists, defined as anyone with five or more adult dogs or cats as long as the dog or cat was bred on the premise. Although Kitsap County, under the ordinance, requires hobbyists to be licensed and abide by certain standards of care, Kitsap County only has the authority to regulate breeders within the county. Therefore, there is no way for Kitsap County to guarantee the conditions that pet store puppies were raised in if they were derived from outside of the county. If the intention of the Commission was to allow responsible breeders to sell to pet stores then it is important to point out that responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores. We reviewed Codes of Ethics for the National Breed Clubs representing all of the 178 dogs breeds recognized by the AKC and found that 96% of those National Clubs include statements to the effect that <u>their breeders should not and/or do not sell to pet stores</u>. The term “hobbyist” shall be removed under Section 7.09.010 (a) and Section 7.09.010 (a)(1) shall be removed entirely. A pet shop ordinance that prohibits the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores does not impact responsible breeders.</p> <p>Additionally, the definition of an “animal welfare organization” needs to make clear that it is an entity that does not obtain a dog or cat from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation. This will help ensure that only the shelters and rescues who are in it for the right reasons – saving homeless, helpless animals – are the only ones working with pet stores. Dealers should not be able to call themselves a rescue and be able to sell to pet stores.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to a recent article in the <i>Kitsap Sun</i>, Farmland Pets and Feed admits to obtaining puppies from BJ’s and Guys, a dealer that was listed in our <u>2017 Horrible Hundred puppy mill report</u>. This dealer is thought to be the largest dealer in Kansas with</p>	<p><i>Supports banning sale of puppy mill puppies in pet stores, hobbyist amendment, animal welfare organization definition</i></p>
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			<p>more than <u>1,100 dogs</u>, according to a USDA inspection report. The USDA cited this dealer in 2016 for a pug who was found with an eye disorder, a shih tzu with a swollen, red eye with thick discharge; a Pomeranian with scabs and hair loss; puppies' whose feet were dangling through 1 inch gaps in the wire flooring, meaning they were unable to move; buildings on the property were excessively hot reaching around 90 degrees Fahrenheit; and more.</p> <p>I urge Kitsap County to pass an ordinance that prohibits the sale of dogs and cats in pet shops except for those obtained from shelters and/or rescues.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Kindly,</p> <p>Jenna Jensen Public Policy Specialist, Stop Puppy Mills campaign, The Humane Society of the United States humanesociety.org</p> <p>The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's most effective animal protection organization, fighting for all animals for more than 60 years. To support our work, please make a <u>monthly donation</u>, give in <u>another way</u> or <u>volunteer</u>.</p>	
22	4/22/2019	Lore Godbey	<p>Subject: Puppy mill ordinance</p> <p>Please support the ordinance to ban the retail sale of puppies and kittens obtained from commercial mills.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Lore Godbey Olalla, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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23	4/22/2019	Maria Donor	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please stop Puppy Mills. Help our furry families to be safe, clean and stop the cruelty they suffered. It's heartbreaking to see them suffer.</p> <p>Maria Donor Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
24	4/22/2019	Donna	<p>Subject: sale of puppies and kittens at Farmland</p> <p>I oppose Kitsap County's desire to make it so that my only option to purchase puppies and kittens would be the Humane Society. I have been a customer at Farmland for 45 years. I do not think the Humane Society has the right to infringe on businesses by monopolizing the selling of puppies and kittens. This opens to door for Kitsap Humane Society to eventually close down business who sell birds, rabbits, reptiles, guinea pigs, hamsters, pet rats; the list goes on and on.</p> <p>Donna Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>

25	4/22/2019	Dr. Scott Menard and Eric Stevens	<p>Subject: Information about Farmland's sourcing</p> <p>Here is information researched about the kennels from which Farmland Sources - research by a different KHS Board member, Dr. Scott Menard:</p> <p>Farmland responded to this article, saying they got their dogs from BJ and Guys, which they said is a "kennel based in Kansas that's the "epitome" of a breeding facility."</p> <p>BJ and Guys BJ's & Guys is thought to be the largest breeder/ broker in Kansas, with 755 adult dogs and 425 puppies found at a federal inspection in July 2016, a total of 1,180 animals. All the violations noted above were found in July 2016, with the exception of the pug with the eye condition, which was noted during a focused (follow-up) inspection in January 2016. Inspectors also found violations in 2015 and 2014. USDA # 48-B-0081.</p> <p>They are one of the "horrible Hundred" worst kennels in the US. Here is an article if you are interested. https://www.thisdogslife.co/the-horrible-hundred-report-released-to-shine-light-on-worst-puppy-mills/</p> <p>Scott</p> <p>Here is an excerpt from that link about BJ's & Guys:</p> <p>NEW/ Sharon Munk, BJ's & Guys, LLC, Menlo, Kansas – FACILITY WITH OVER 1,100 DOGS FOUND WITH DANGEROUS HOUSING, POOR TEMPERATURE CONTROL, THREE DOGS IN NEED OF VETERINARY CARE; RECEIVED OFFICIAL WARNING FROM USDA. Multiple violations were found by USDA inspectors at BJ's & Guys, LLC in 2016, including a shih tzu with a swollen, red eye that had a copious, thick discharge; a pomeranian with scabs and hair loss; and a pug with an eye disorder. In addition, puppies were found with their feet dangling through 1 inch gaps in the wire flooring, a condition that could lead to serious injury or leg entrapment; some of the adult dogs were found sticking their heads through unsafe gaps in their cages; and some of the housing had flaking paint and rust that in some areas was so advanced that it was affecting structural safety (a repeat violation), according to USDA reports. In addition, an inspection found two of the buildings with excessively hot conditions in July 2016, with</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>one building reaching a high of 91.9 degrees and another reaching a high of 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The USDA inspector noted that these conditions could lead to heat stress in the dogs.</p> <p>In June 2016, BJ's & Guys received an official warning from the USDA for a lack of adequate veterinary care, related to a direct violation that occurred in January 2016.</p> <p>BJ's & Guys is thought to be the largest breeder/ broker in Kansas, with 755 adult dogs and 425 puppies found at a federal inspection in July 2016, a total of 1,180 animals. All the violations noted above were found in July 2016, with the exception of the pug with the eye condition, which was noted during a focused (follow-up) inspection in January 2016. Inspectors also found violations in 2015 and 2014. USDA # 48-B-0081.</p> <p>Eric Stevens Kitsap Humane Society Executive Director Silverdale, WA www.kitsap-humane.org Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome.</p>	

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26	4/22/2019	Meredith Williams	<p data-bbox="600 235 1050 263">Subject: Kitsap County Farmland Pets</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1709 902">I am unable to attend the hearing this evening due to work but wanted to take the time to write you. I am completely against having no choice but the humane society for the adoption of animals. My family and I went to the Kitsap Humane Society multiple times to try and find a pet and not only did they take money for first in line for puppies, they also wanted to approve our application for an animal that they had to remove from the visiting cage twice because she tried to bite my 2 year old. I let the volunteer know they needed to write that the animal should not be in homes with children under 6. (My son is 6 and the animal was fine with him). The fact that she was so quick to approve us was very concerning and is dangerous. I also contacted the humane society via phone and email numerous times and never received a response, the facility is dirty, the volunteers are not properly trained and the price of animals is bumped depending on age and breed. As a non-profit that gets numerous grants to continue to run they should know better. I work for a non profit in the community and having the humane Society be my only option for a pet is enough to make me go to a different state to adopt. Farmland Pets not only let u spend time with puppies in their facility, they had all paperwork needed, veterinarian visit for evaluations and free treatment if anything was found and five years worth of a bloodline for us to refer too. We finally have our dog and it was of no thanks to Kitsap Human Society.</p> <p data-bbox="600 946 825 1006">Meredith Williams Silverdale, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1740 235 1852 290"><i>Opposes ordinance</i></p>

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27	4/22/2019	Sharon Jackson	<p>From: SHARON JACKSON, Subject: Fwd: Re: No more puppies?</p> <p>To our commissioners: Please vote against any bill or legislation that would prevent Farmland from selling these quality pets at reasonable prices. We have wonderful dogs who have enriched our lives, bought from them.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, Sharon and Floyd Jackson (contact information at the end of this email).</p> <p>----- Original Message ----- From: Farmland Pets To: SHARON JACKSON Subject: Re: No more puppies?</p> <p>Thank you. The address is: Kitsapcommissioners@co.kitsap.wa.us</p> <hr/> <p>From: SHARON JACKSON Subject: No more puppies?</p> <p>Over the past ten+ years, we have supported you. We have two wonderful girls from your store. One is ten years, the other almost ten months. Both are quality dogs, healthy and happy, warm, obedient and loving. We would hate to have the option of buying pets from you taken away.</p> <p>I hope that this testimony will help your cause. Unfortunately, our youngest, an adorable labradoodle is being spayed today, and we must be home this evening to take care of her, or we would gladly go to the commissioner's meeting. I first heard of this meeting in the paper this morning ... not enough notice from that office! I cannot open your link to write on your behalf. Send me the email address, and I will write a letter of my own. Good luck! Let me know how else I might help.</p> <p>Sharon Jackson Bremerton, WA</p>	<p><i>Opposes ordinance</i></p>

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28	4/22/2019	Jenny Paulson	<p>Subject: Sale of animals</p> <p>I would like the commissioners to pass a ruling prohibiting the sale of animals as per the proposal being discussed tonight. Animals currently being sold at a county feed store are from puppy and kitten mills. These mills are known to provide poor care and housing to animals who are bred endlessly. There are already enough animals needing homes without continually breeding more. Additionally, these animals are often unhealthy when sold to unsuspecting county residents.</p> <p>Jenny Paulson Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
29	4/22/2019	Paul Ofsthun	<p>Subject: Sale of Puppies and Kittens in Kitsap County</p> <p>I would like to state my opposition to new ordinance restricting the sale of Puppies and Kittens to Kitsap Humane society (KHS). Although I support the KHS and I have a cat that I got at KHS many years ago, I also have had a number of purebred dogs over the years in which I have purchased at Farmland Pets and Feed. If you restrict the sale of puppies here in Kitsap County we would be forced to go out of the area to find our purebred dogs. I do not see any reason for the restriction of the sale of puppies and kittens by a reputable retail store.</p> <p>Paul Ofsthun Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>

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30	4/22/2019	Lisa Evinrude	<p>I made a statement yesterday, not sure where it went. I'm not so great at this sort of thing. I would like to voice on opinion for the sale of animals at pet stores. We bought our labadoddle at Silverdale farmland. He was healthy when we picked him up and has remained so he was born Dec 26 ,2017. He belongs to my grandchildren, never a problem. My mom's dog died and she went to the humane society and to find another companion. She was fitted with a dog, that I as one problem after another, kept grabbing her and her to bleed, She was on blood thinners so that was a problem. She had to surrender him back, not only had she paid a large fee to get him in the first place, then there was a surrender fee. My mom cried for days. We did find another older dig for her from a private party. I wouldn't have any idea how to go about finding a breeder or how to make sure that they are a good one. I believe that we all should be able to make a choice on where we go. We should not be made to only have one choice. My son is getting to deploy, in doing so he is fighting for everyone's guarantee to have freedom to make choices. Please don't take this choice away and should this pass it just tells people to go to Tacoma and have better choices then what Kitsap county will offer.</p> <p>Thank Lisa Evinrude</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
31	4/22/2019	DeeAnn Nelson	<p>Subject: Retail sales of puppies and kittens</p> <p>I am highly in favor of a proposed retail ban on puppies and kittens. Partnering with existing animal rescue organizations is a much wiser, sustainable route four the animals and our community.</p> <p>DeeAnn Nelson Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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32	4/22/2019	Bernard Hargrave	<p>Subject: Proposed Ban on Puppy/Kitten Mill Pet Store Sales</p> <p>I oppose the proposed ban on puppy/kitten mill pet store sales because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would unfairly harm legitimate Kitsap County pet store owners and employees by targeted their businesses in an indirect attempt to regulate separate, independent businesses which engage in unethical pet breeding techniques. 2. It would prove a draconian solution to an undocumented problem within Kitsap County. I have not seen any Kitsap County reports of unscrupulous pet breeders providing puppies or kittens to pet store owners. 3. It may not be an acceptable use by a state subdivision of Washington State's authority to assist the federal government in regulating interstate commerce. 4. Other, more direct measures are available to Kitsap County to regulate and otherwise change unscrupulous pet breeder's unethical practices. 5. Current interstate commerce laws and policies dictate sound, ethical pet breeding practices. These should be enforced. <p>Bernard Hargrave Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
33	4/22/2019	Pavlina Morris	<p>I fully support the ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats. I could not attend the meeting because of a volunteer obligation, but want my voice heard.</p> <p>Pavlina Morris Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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34	4/22/2019	J. Reynolds	<p>Subject: Please ban puppy mills</p> <p>We have a tremendous crisis in this country that needs immediate attention. "Lifer" is the apt term used to describe female dogs kept in puppy mills, sentenced to an existence of continual pregnancy to produce the cash crop of puppies sold in pet shops across the country. These lifers receive little or no human interaction, compassion, or companionship. They live in constant fear and neglect. They are kept in small, overcrowded cages, and are often chained together with male dogs for weeks at a time to facilitate breeding. They are forced to become pregnant and deliver litters constantly, to the exclusion of healthy, normal canine activities. Such horrors are all typical sights and conditions documented in ongoing ASPCA investigations. Dogs living in squalid, unsanitary circumstances receive less attention than lifeless machines on an assembly line, and lack of adequate veterinary care is standard.</p> <p>Please, I implore you, ban puppy mill sales in Kitsap County. We need to speak up for the voiceless and protect those weaker than ourselves.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>J. Reynolds Silverdale, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
35	4/22/2019	Durward Kirtley	<p>Subject: Dogs & cats available to purchase at Humane Society only</p> <p>I personally support the Kitsap Humane Society but reserve the right to purchase my dogs elsewhere. I am partial to the Wheaten breed and have owned two healthy and magnificent animals, one Wheaten of show quality 13 years, one healthy pup 3 years, both purchased at the Farm Store in Silverdale. We can all support the Humane society financially or otherwise but my dogs came from a kennel in Kansas and the family owned Farm Store has my full support for making my hard to find breed available. I'm all for adoption and will continue to contribute to KHS as I can. Thanks for including my comment...D. Kirtley</p> <p>Durward Kirtley Bainbridge Island, WA</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>

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36	4/22/2019	Molly Timko	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>As a professional dog trainer, I work with many families who have purchased dogs from reputable and non-reputable breeders. While there can be significant behavior issues with either of these populations of dogs, puppy mill dogs like those being sold at Farmland in Silverdale are often have long term behavior and health issues because of their lack of quality care in their early lives. It is heartbreaking to see families who go to stores or breeders looking for a canine addition to their families to love and share adventures with, be met with a puppy who is sick and/or extremely fearful. The expenses associated with these issues is immense as is the emotional toll it can take on the humans and canines. The Puppy Mill that Farmland works with is on the Humane Society's list of "Horrible 100" puppy mills in the past. They may have fancy brochures and a sales pitch that sounds great, but the on site inspections proved otherwise. In the interest of not only the breeder dogs, the puppies born and the people who purchase these puppies, I urge you to pass the ordinance and look into further safety and legislative measure that can be taken to ensure the quality of life for our pets and the well being of families in Kitsap County. Thank you.</p> <p>Molly Timko, M.A., KPA-CTP Timko Pet Training, LLC</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
37	4/22/2019	Kelly Ritz	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please consider passing this ordinance with NO exemptions for hobbyists. As a longtime pet industry professional I cannot tell you the sheer, heartbreaking damage "backyard" breeders do to dogs and cats and communities. Their often sick and unvaccinated dogs and cats invariably end up spreading disease and landing in shelters. This stresses our local humane groups who then not only have to provide treatment but find homes for them. They don't share vital care information with potential owners and create liability and hazardous situations for sensitive groups like children, the elderly and the handicapped. Please pass this ordinance unilaterally and with no exemptions. It's well past the time of the "puppy in the window"</p> <p>Kelly Ritz Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i>

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38	4/22/2019	Laura Kemp	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>Kitsap County Commissioners: Would you allow your beloved, trusting family pet to be cared for by minimum wage, untrained people who have a vested interest in making a profit from your animal. No? Then please do the right thing and vote to ban the sale of pet store animals that are produced by hobby breeders and factory puppy mills. Thank you.</p> <p>Laura Kemp Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
39	4/22/2019	Akexis Quinones	<p>Subject: Please ban puppy and kitten mills</p> <p>Please ban dangerous puppy and kitten mill retail sales in kitsap county. This has been successfully accomplished in counties throughout washington and in other states without significant effect to retailers who can still sell animals from the humane society and certain small qualified breeders.</p> <p>Akexis Quinones Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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40	4/22/2019	Laura Sawyer	<p>Subject: Puppy mills</p> <p>I run a local pet supply store in Port Orchard. We do very well without selling puppies and kittens. We believe in hosting rescue animals only. We are doing so well that we are looking at a bigger space to expand to. At the store we have heard of countless complaints about defective, sick, dirty, uncared for, too young kittens and puppies being sold. I have personally seen quite a few of these come into the shop. Fur stained from urine, bloated bellies from parasites, some definitely not 10 weeks old, not good conformation to breed standards, etc. Farmland and backyard puppy mills in the area are always the source. Farmland being the biggest long-standing main source of complaints. I have personally heard many people state that they bought a puppy there to "rescue" it, not understanding that they are contributing to the problem. If we cannot educate the public enough to stop the demand of this sick industry, then we need to stop the sources. I used to work at a Port Orchard Animal Clinic for 7.5 years. So many sick and way too young animals came in there from mainly Farmland. All from mainly Kansas. All the "health certificates" looked the same, 10 weeks of age though you could still see baby fog in the eyes making them 6 weeks range. Illegal for them fly in but as long as you have a "vet" sign the health certificates stating they are 10 weeks no one cares. A lot of them had the same pics for the parents, because these were the same parents over and over and over again. Please help us shut down the demand that let people mass breed these poor animals that never know anything different. I am totally for this ordinance. Thank you for your time!</p> <p>Laura Sawyer Port Orchard, WA</p>	Supports ordinance

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41	4/22/2019	Charles Groves	<p data-bbox="600 235 947 261">Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1717 727">The agenda of those who wish to shut down the retail sale of dogs and cats could not be more obvious. In a recent discussion with Kimmy Siebens (an activist for the measure) It quickly became apparent that this measure is more to support the local shelters and less about the humane treatment of animals. There are already abundant laws on the books to prevent cruelty, and adverse conditions for the care of dogs and cats. There are regulations on medical care, on nourishment, on treatment of animals. Is there a problem with some 'puppy mills' producing dogs and cats in inhumane conditions? Probably so, but it is a failure in the enforcement of existing laws, not one that requires more laws and regulations that would prevent the sale of animals from places that follow the law as it exists. I am not in the pet business or have anything to do with any businesses that may be affected in any way, just a citizen that would like to have some sort of limited government that serves all of the people equally, and not the shelter's narrative over that of businesses that may be affected.</p> <p data-bbox="600 769 789 829">Charles Groves Bremerton, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 235 1850 290"><i>Opposes ordinance</i></p>

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42	4/22/2019	Kathi Reid	<p data-bbox="600 235 926 261">Subject: Pet Store Ordinacr</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1713 1117">As a Veterinary professional I can attest to the difference in condition of puppy mill dogs. 90% of which come from stores. The remainder are from local back yard mills. And those that come from responsible breeders. On a regular basis we see and treat animals bought at all of the afore mentioned places. Here is what we see. Pets from responsible breeders are almost always just a well check, vaccines and a happy pet and owner walking out the door. Pet store and back yard breeding mill pets are 99 % Ill and place owners in a position to decide if they can afford to try and help the pet or euthanize. Unfortunately, a large percentage of owners have just spent so much on purchasing what is supposedly a healthy pet that just needs routine care a vaccines that they cannot afford the hundreds to thousands of dollars it will take to help the pet they have come to love. I cannot begin to count to times I have had to help euthanize some companion that is too I'll to save or will cost more than can be afforded. There is not one soul in the Veterinary field that has been there for any length of time, that has not put up their own money to save a pet. Every clinic gives large sums of money towards aiding those who cannot afford extra, sometimes basic care. And we work for a fraction of what human care givers receive. I can honestly say that we receive more sick and unsaveable pets from Fram Land in Silverdale than anywhere else in the county. How anyone can question the inhumane treatment that is happening at the mills they admit to receiving from is absurd. There are many local, beyond reputable breeders. The ones that are not we continue to report to Humane Societies so that they can build cases against them. Right here, right now, you can make a difference. A difference to animals and a difference to the people of our county that have or will suffer the guilt and pain of euthanizing an animal that was unnecessary and part of their heart. It is up to you to put a stop to the pain and suffering of our neighbors and their pets. Now, today, without hesitation.</p> <p data-bbox="600 1159 789 1224">Kathi Reid Bremerton, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1740 235 1850 293"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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43	4/22/2019	Jennifer Deuer	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>I worked as a veterinary technician for 30 years in Port Orchard. I have seen many unhealthy and dogs with genetic issues come out of pet stores. We need to do all we can to protect the animals and people who are unaware of the conditions these poor animals are from. We have enough backyard breeders around. We don't need pet stores contributing to the problem</p> <p>Jennifer Deuer Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
44	4/22/2019	Kim Webb	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Pet shops that sell puppies and kittens put profits above the harm that is done to the animals and the families that purchase them. The puppy mills and kitten factories are horribly inhumane. The owner of the one shop in Kitsap county that sells dogs and cats stated that he was doing a service by providing a place for people who would have to go out of state to purchase a purebred dog. There are countless breeders of all breeds of dog all over our state, so that is not true. Adding a pet to your family is not something that should be done spur of the moment. If you are going to be a responsible pet owner you need to do your research and visit the breeder and if possible observe the parents of the puppy. Or you should go to a shelter where trained professionals can match your family with a pet that will be right for you and the pet. Our shelters are filled with unwanted pets who need homes and our state is filled with breeders of all types of dogs. I worked for a municipal spay and neuter clinic for 27 years and saw so many families bring in their pets that were purchased for hundreds of dollars and had numerous health and behavior problems. Purchasing a pet from a pet store in these cases was heartbreaking for the owners , abusive to the animals coming from puppy mills. The only ones who benefited were the pet store owner and the puppy mill owner. This practice must stop.</p> <p>Kim Webb Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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45	4/22/2019	Michele Benson	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>I support the ordinance. I have first hand knowledge that dogs and puppies from a place like BJs and Guys cannot possibly provide acceptable care to their animals. Many years ago I worked at a “reputable” greyhound breeding facility in Arizona. Their circumstances were much better than puppy mills and yet, horrific. I had no idea about puppy mills or the plight of greyhounds at that time. We had approximately 60 dogs there. There were about 10 caretakers for those 90 dogs. Even with 10 caretakers, we were able to provide only basic care to those dogs. Even with our best efforts, it was not uncommon for dogs to get seriously hurt as a consequence of having so many dogs in one place. Breeding could end up being a nightmare, males could be unpredictable and females were not always receptive. What happened was basically rape of the females. If there are 900 plus dogs at BJs,, I am guessing that they would need to employ at least 100 people to give basic care. I don’t believe they do. Even with basic care, the animals suffer, especially the females. There are reputable breeders that can provide pure bred dogs to people who want them. Puppy mills are not a necessity, they are a convenience for which many dogs, puppies, and people end up paying for. Thank you for reading my comments.</p> <p>Michele Benson Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
46	4/22/2019	Karen Carpenter	<p>Subject: Puppy mills</p> <p>Please pass an ordinance Without a hobbyist exemption . Keep puppy mill breeders from selling puppies to our community.</p> <p>Karen Carpenter Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i>

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47	4/22/2019	Jeri Stockdale	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I've been following the controversy with the pet store ordinance and the negative emotions directed at Farmland Pets. I can see both sides of this issue. I care deeply about animals and how they're treated. I also have been a loyal customer of Farmland Pets for over 30 years. We bought our pet rabbit from there and we know for a fact that it was raised by a local breeder. We've bought supplies for horses, rabbits, chickens, and dogs over the years. We've always stopped to visit with the puppies and look at all the animals. We have never seen them neglected or mistreated. Sometimes they're short handed and it takes longer to get to their cages, but it's not deliberate or due to neglect. The puppies are at least 8 wks old, but often 12-16 wks old. They don't stay there long, because they're sold fairly quickly. The owners are knowledgeable and helpful for those seeking advice for raising different animals or helping with problems that may arise. Farmland pets has been hit hard, first by road construction that never seemed to end, then new competition in the form of the Tractor Supply store and Wilco, and now, third hand information about how terrible they are to their animals. I would ask that if a ban does go into effect, that there will be some kind of allowance made for Farmland Pets. This could be in the form of being grandfathered in, or a reasonable timeline for them to establish a new business model which would help them sustain their business. They are an icon, a contributing member to our community, and they should not be dismissed lightly just because of the loud cries of those who haven't personally known or worked with them. There has to be a way to accommodate Farmland Pets and also ensure animals are treated well. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Jeri Stockdale Poulsbo, WA</p>	Amend ordinance

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48	4/22/2019	Bunny McGuigan	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I ask you to pass an ordinance, WITHOUT the hobbyist exemption, that prohibits the sale of commercially- bred dogs and cats in pet stores. A family member bought a pup from Farmland Pets and Feed, that pup came from a southern state from a woman who had previously been fined for hoarding pups in cages. We wondered why the little pup didn't play with toys and was fearful. He also died at a young age because of his teeth. He was unhealthy almost from the start. He isn't the only ill dog that has been purchased from this 'pet' store. Please stop them from selling fur babies, they do not care for the animals, the animals are usually ignored. I went in there, been quite a few years ago and there was a fish so big in a tank that it couldn't swim, was just almost curled in half, no one cared. I've never been back since. Cruel treatment of animals there. Wish that place didn't have anything to do with live animals. Please put a stop to them selling live animals.</p> <p>Bunny McGuigan Tracyton, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i></p>
49	4/22/2019	Mary Jean Wakeman	<p>Subject: Sale of Pets</p> <p>Please stop the sale of commercially bred dogs and cats in Silverdale pet stores. My household votes in every election.</p> <p>Mary Jean Wakeman</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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50	4/22/2019	Beverly and Forbes Duncan	<p>Subject: pet store ordinance</p> <p>My husband and I completely support this ordinance. Animals raised in mills often endure inhumane treatment and suffer from debilitating and life ending disabilities due to their inbreeding, poor living conditions and inadequate veterinary care. Because of this, many people who unwittingly purchase pets from pet/feed stores suffer emotional and financial hardship caring for these sick pets. Further, many people are unaware that when they buy a "mill" pet they are making it possible for mills to operate. The parents of these puppies and kittens are bred over and over until they die. The lack of understanding that the ability to obtain a pet will be limited, not so, there are rescues, shelters, individual breed rescues such as pet finder.com There are every rescue for every breed you can think of, you don't have to support puppy mills or kitty mills, there is no reason to be responsible for this type of treatment by supporting them in purchasing them. There are so many lies ongoing just so they can sell puppies and kitties at a very high price and for huge profits....don't let greed control this horrible situation.</p> <p>Beverly and Forbes Duncan Silverdale, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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51	4/22/2019	Janice M. Danielson	<p data-bbox="600 235 947 261">Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1713 829">Years ago I went into Farmland to look at what they sold. There were puppies and kittens in the store. The puppies were kept separately in cages that were sitting on the floor, dirty and smelled. The kittens were kept in an enclosure towards the back of the store that resembled a snake enclosure with a glass door, the enclosure was small, the kittens litter box was in the enclosure next to their food and it was stifling hot with humidity, it was like they were keeping kittens in a reptile enclosure. It was so sad, the kittens did not look healthy, I felt so sad and so sick for those animals that were obviously not being treated like the beautiful gifts of nature they are but just being house in that dirty place so the owners could make some money! This was years ago, in the early 2000's and nothing has changed for this store. It is still dirty, it is still over crowded and any animals that are kept in that store are kept in deplorable conditions. Kitsap County is a great community that works together to ensure that all living creatures have the right to live a life without harm or illness inflicted upon them. It is your job as representatives of this community to move forward with this bill and make ALL of Kitsap County a safe haven from deplorable acts like those committed by puppy mills/kitten farms and places like Farmland. We are a voice for those who do not have one.</p> <p data-bbox="600 878 842 935">Janice M. Danielson Port Orchard, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 235 1850 290"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

52	4/22/2019	Rachel Wilson	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Hi there,</p> <p>I appreciate the Board of Commissioners taking the time to hear more about the issue of the sell of puppies from puppy mills in Kitsap County. This is something that truly shouldn't be happening anymore, and I hope you take steps to approve the ban. Pet overpopulation is already a huge issue in our nation, and dogs are put down every single day because of it. By promoting puppy mills, like the one used by a local pet store, we are encouraging the overpopulation of these animals - as well as supporting a place that treats their animals inhumanely in order to make a profit. The puppy mill used by a local pet store is a known puppy mill and the living conditions of the animals there have been well-documented. I heard at last week's meetings that one of the owners of the store had been to visit this breeding facility, and that all of the animals appeared to be well taken care of. Given the documentation on this facility, I find that difficult to believe - and it seems possible that the owners may have only seen a select part of the facility - not the true behind-the-scenes happenings. While many residents of Kitsap County and beyond have purchased puppies from our local pet store - puppies that have been healthy, happy, and great additions to their family - we can't discount the fact that those purchases are encouraging and supporting the inhumane treatment and living conditions of those puppies' parents. Behind every adorable puppy are two parent dogs who are living in absolutely terrible, filthy conditions - simply having their bodies being used repeatedly to reproduce and produce a profit for the owners. These animals should be viewed as living creatures and sentient beings instead of property that can be bought, used, and sold with a blatant disregard for their physical health and well-being - simply so that someone can make money. By approving the ban of the sell of puppies from puppy mills, some may say that you are taking away a person's choice in where they purchase a dog. However, people would still be able to purchase puppies from reputable breeders or adopt an animal from the local humane society. Reputable breeders make sure that their facilities are up to a certain standard, make sure their puppies are healthy, socialized, and well-cared for, and also make sure that any potential owners would be a good placement for their puppy. These breeders can easily be found online. Kitsap Humane Society thoroughly vets all animals that come to them for behavior issues and then continues to work with animals that may have any negative behaviors. All animals that are adopted are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, up to date on all vaccines, and also come with a free first vet visit. It's true that you may not know everything about the dog's breed or history - but would</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>you rather purchase a puppy whose parents are half-starved, living in a small, filthy cage? Or would you rather adopt a dog knowing that you are helping provide a home to an animal who might otherwise be put down due to the pet overpopulation problem in our country? I hope that you approve the ban on sales from puppy mills, and I hope that our local pet store can continue to have a good, successful business without having this particular aspect of their business continue. Petsmart and Petco have both moved away from selling puppies in their stores, and they have maintained a strong business. I hope our local store can see how they can do business differently - without contributing to a cycle of inhumane treatment of living creatures that we should be caring for - not using to make money.</p> <p>Rachel Wilson Bremerton, WA</p>	
53	4/22/2019	Elizabeth Druin	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I encourage all of you to pass the legislation to ban the sales of puppy mill animals at pet stores. I used to investigate animal cruelty. The conditions these animals are kept in are outrageous. Many of the facilities skate by because they meet the basic standards. Shelter, food and water. I am aware of all the testimony you have heard. I ask you to take it into consideration and pass this law in Kitsap County. Anyone justifying the conditions the animals are kept in simply want to make a fast buck of an animals uterus. When we know better, we do better. Do better and pass this law.</p> <p>Elizabeth Druin Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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54	4/22/2019	Ashly Dale	<p data-bbox="600 235 947 261">Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1717 727">I'm am writing you to ask that you please pass the proposed ordinance which will prohibit the retail sale of kittens and puppies from commercial breeders (commonly known as puppy/kitten mills). Puppy and kitten mills are some of the worst forms of animal abuse. Animals are suffering at the hands of humans because they are putting profit above the quality of care these animals receive. This ordinance would not take away consumer choice. People can still choose to go to a reputable breeder if they want a specific breed. These breeders are not supplying pet stores as they want to screen their buyers to ensure their puppy or kitten is going to the best home possible. This ordinance would not force businesses to close. They would simply have to obtain by a humane business model, one that can be very successful without exploiting animals. 3 cities in Kitsap County have already passed similar ordinances. This is something the people of your community want. Please help put an end to the unnecessary suffering of animals. Thank you</p> <p data-bbox="600 768 741 833">Ashly Dale Milton, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 235 1850 293"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

55	4/22/2019	Kim Siebens	<p>Subject: Please support a pet sales ordinance in Kitsap County to better protect its residents and pets</p> <p>Dear County Commissioners,</p> <p>In order for the retail pet sales ordinance to protect against pet stores from selling pets from mills I highly suggest the following 2 changes be made to the draft animal code revisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under 7.09.010 the hobbyist exemption definitely needs to be removed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kitsap county only has the authority to regulate breeders within the county b. There is no way for Kitsap county to understand the conditions that pets were bred and raised in if they come from outside of the county. c. This ordinance doesn't specify that pets can only be sourced from Kitsap County d. If the ordinance did specify that pets can only be sourced from Kitsap county it would be in violation of the commerce clause and most likely found to be unconstitutional when challenged by those in support of puppy mills therefore defeating the entire purpose of the ordinance e. Often, this topic is made to be much more complicated than it is. Simply put, breeders just don't sell to pet stores. This will not affect responsible pet breeders. f. Therefore, please remove the term "hobbyist" under section 7.09.010(a) and section 7.09.010(a)(1) g. This information is known among those of us who follow these ordinances across the country. So many jurisdictions have passed retail pet sales ordinances that we have seen which ones have worked and which ones are easy to "work around" by those businesses who refuse to adopt a humane business model. h. This info was brought to the attention to Eric Stevens - the Executive Director of the Kitsap Humane Society (Kitsap County's contracted animal control services) He was previously unaware of this unfortunate loop-hole that has caused some hard earned ordinances to be completely futile. 2.The definition of an "animal welfare organization" needs to be more defined. This is under 7.04.020(7) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The wording needs to include that this, "is an entity that does not obtain a dog or cat from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation" 	<p><i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment, animal welfare organization definition</i></p>
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		<p>b. We have learned from many cities and the state of California, that dealers will call themselves a rescue so they can continue to funnel their pets into pet stores without difficulty</p> <p>Also, in case you missed it, here is an editorial I wrote for the Kitsap Sun recently in regard to this issue:</p> <p>Kitsap needs to protect pet sales Imagine a female dog living in a wire cage that is merely six inches larger than herself pumping out litter after litter. She receives little to no veterinary care, has never been groomed, does not know what it feels like to walk on grass, among much else. Each litter she has, the puppies are pulled from her before reaching eight weeks of age and are shipped off to a faraway pet store. This female is one of thousands around the country working without a voice to provide puppies to unsuspecting consumers at retail. Kitsap County is considering a pet store ordinance that would give those breeding female dogs a voice as long as a few tweaks are made to the ordinance. The Kitsap County Commissioners recently held a public hearing on the ordinance where false and misleading claims were made about the pet store and puppy mill industry. It's time to set the record straight.</p> <p>It is well documented and indisputable by anyone outside of the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline that pet store puppies come from inhumane commercial breeding facilities that treat dogs as breeding machines and puppies as products. Even if pet stores wanted to source from responsible humane breeders, they wouldn't be able to because responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores. In fact, the vast majority of national breed clubs have codes of ethics stating that their members should not sell to pet stores. Even the American Kennel Club (AKC), who is funded by the puppy mill industry, states that the best way for a person to obtain a new pet is through personal interaction with the pet's breeder and the pet under consideration, which is simply not possible when purchasing a pet at a pet store.</p> <p>Kitsap County's only pet store that sells puppies, Farmland Pets and Feed, is no exception. They admitted to purchasing puppies from BJ's and Guys, as reported in the Kitsap Sun. BJ's and Guys is known to be one of the largest dealers of puppies in Kansas, with more than 1,100 dogs noted on their property in 2016. They were also listed in the Humane Society of the United States' (HSUS) 2017 Horrible Hundred puppy mill report for receiving numerous</p>	
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			<p>before April 29 and urge them to pass an ordinance, without a hobbyist exemption, that prohibits the sale of commercially-bred dogs and cats in pet stores.</p> <p>Kim Siebens is the president and founder of Their Voice, an organization dedicated to advocating for the health, happiness and protection of vulnerable residents and companion animals. She lives in Bremerton.</p> <p>Kim Siebens Bremerton, WA</p>	

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56	4/22/2019	Sandra Butler	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>My name is Sandra Butler, and I am a resident of Port Orchard. I am a Board Member of the Kitsap Humane Society and have volunteered with the Kitsap Humane Society for many years in the capacity of event planning, fund raising and fostering. I financially support numerous animal advocacy organizations and I'm a very proud mom of three rescue pups, so this matter is very important to me. I'm writing this letter in hopes that you will pass an ordinance to prohibit the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores. Many stores have adopted the humane model of using their high-traffic storefronts as a means to expose the public to the option of adopting a shelter animal which has saved the lives of thousands of homeless animals. I urge you to pass this preventative measure in order to protect your consumers and animals. Numerous studies show that these animals, innocently purchased by consumers, suffer from horrible medical diseases and are behaviorally challenged. Sadly, the USDA does not adequately inspect large breeding facilities, so the animals that come to these stores trucked across several states are not healthy. Pet stores deceive buyers by refusing to disclose the breeders and pumping their innocent puppies full of antibiotics to cover up underlying diseases. It is our shelter system and local veterinarians that must shoulder the burden that these businesses inflict, but most importantly it's the suffering animals we have a duty to protect. All of us here have an obligation as a compassionate society to shield those that are defenseless. It also sends a message to any surrounding city that Port Orchard is following the humane lead of other cities that have recently passed such bans like Bainbridge Island, Bremerton and Poulsbo. In closing, I implore you to make the only morale choice in this case that will protect our community, the consumer and most importantly the innocent animals. Please ban the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sandra Butler Port Orchard, WA</p>	Supports ordinance

57	4/23/2019	Ralph Duncan	<p>Subject: Retail Sales of Puppies and Kittens-comments Dear Kitsap County Commissioners,</p> <p>This email is to expand my comments of this evening regarding this subject that is before the commissioners. While well intended by many in the County, the uproar is mostly based in emotion and empathy for the animals. And personally, I think the goal of many is in fact to put Farmland out of business.</p> <p>I hope that you can see that the amendment as written will not likely have the effect desired; that is; to reduce the practice of breeding for profit (puppy mills) and the associated animal cruelties that do exist. To be fair, Farmland is not the puppy mill. They are simply the middle man. The puppy mills are the entities that do the breeding. Preventing the sale through authorized and licensed retail businesses may have a short term effect, but, will do nothing to stop the horrific and unethical breeding. Frankly, most attendees tonight really do not understand just what a puppy mill is. I have been to many private homes of small time breeders that when asked why they are breeding offer up, "I want my kids to experience the miracle of birth." "I need the extra money." "I want a puppy from this dog I now have and love." These people are as much puppy mills as are the huge mills that supply the likes of Farmland.</p> <p>The greed so vehemently vilified at tonight's meeting does not begin with the puppy mill itself. It begins with the demand market created by an uninformed and largely irresponsible public that continues to buy puppies and make poor decisions about from whom they buy and how the animals are cared for. Passing the amendment as written is like pulling the shade of your window down so you don't see the homeless camp across the street. If you do pass this amendment who will enforce it county wide? Who will make sure no one is selling "puppy mill" puppies? Better yet, who will make sure the small puppy mills are stopped from overpopulating the county with animals that are let loose to run free? I am sure that it will be my taxes that pay for this.</p> <p>So what then is the answer? Enact an amendment that hardens the standards for those that do sell puppies; enact regulations that require retailers to provide definitive (an unaltered) proof that their puppies were born within the state from a breeder whose facilities and ethics</p>	<p><i>Opposes ordinance, provided suggestions</i></p>
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			<p>can be verified and if a rescue, real time proof regarding how this animal was obtained. It should be a difficult standard to meet and not particularly easy for a business to obtain a license to sell puppies and kittens. We do it with alcohol, why not puppies and kittens?</p> <p>Apply the standards to the Kitsap Humane Society as well and charge them with investigating complaints of the actual puppy mills. In the KHS's effort to raise funds (greed?) and in the name of animal welfare have place many ill-tempered and, dare I say dangerous, animals with untrained and unsuspecting owners. This is no more humane that puppy mills themselves.</p> <p>Thank you. Respectfully, Ralph Duncan</p>	

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58	4/23/2019	Kayla Golden	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please help stop the local stores from selling puppy mill puppies, and kittens! The cruelty that goes on at the puppy mills is horrific! I would love for my children to be able to grow up in this community knowing that there is no cruelty involved in these stores. When I moved here at the age of 11 my mother refused to shop at one specific store in Silverdale, and educated me on the fact that the store sold puppy mill animals. She had a lot of experience with dogs, so she was very educated on the subject. She informed me that even if one of the animals from the puppy mills looked healthy, once they are bought from these stores and brought home, the likelihood of them being very ill was very high. As I got older, I have met a lot of people over the years that told me stories of how they purchased a puppy from a store in Silverdale, and the puppy had died shortly after because the puppy was already very ill, and they did not know. There was nothing they could do. They were heartbroken. The conditions that these animals live in is unacceptable. We need to put an end to the cruelty. The animals are only being used as profit which is sickening. If these stores are made to stop selling puppy mill animals than it would help improve so many lives. It would take the stress off of not only all the animals involved, but also those of us in the Kitsap community who are aware of what these stores are doing everyday. We wouldn't be forced to feel upset when we have to drive by these places. Please help put this to an end. Thank you.</p> <p>Kayla Golden Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
59	4/23/2019	Andrea Hall	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I fully support this ordinance request. There are pet stores selling puppies from known puppy mills and keeping their small animals in deplorable conditions. This has to stop. Animals deserve to be cared for in a clean environment and supporting these mills helps the problem to grow. This issue has gotten out of hand and it is time for our community to take a stand and stand up for the animals. I urge you to please take this matter very seriously and see that our community very much supports this ordinance passing. Thank you.</p> <p>Andrea Hall Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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60	4/23/2019	Jeffery Scott	<p>Subject: pet store ordinance</p> <p>Puppy mills are a breeding ground for mistreatment of dogs, and to subject those pets we hold as close to being a member of the family is sad. It is proven business' that do not get dogs from puppy mills can still make a profit and be sustainable. Usually dogs from puppy mills are undernourished, ill and require more care prior to being sold to a worthy wood-be owner. Refuse to let business's buy dogs from Puppy Mills and do your part to shut puppy mills down for good.</p> <p>Jeffery Scott Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
61	4/23/2019	Meredith Dunne	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>These animals that care confines to cages for people's profit have no voice in this matter. It is proven that confined and unsocialized animals can become fearful and aggressive in puppyhood and adulthood. Allowing these practices, allows unstable dogs living in our communities. Let's leave the adoption process to professionals who understand the needs of dogs. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Meredith Dunne Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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62	4/23/2019	Morgan Perry	<p>Subject: I support this ordinance 1000%</p> <p>After listening to all the public testimony last night, something became blaringly obvious to me. The opposition kept bring up that this ordinance would restrict the public's choice on what kind of animals they could get. 1) that is untrue as ethical breeders are still an option and there are many local and country-wide rescue organizations that have purebred animals. 2) But what about the choice of the dog at the facility Farmland gets their puppies from? That dog doesn't get a choice to live a happy life with a family complete with love and care. That dog's destiny is to live in a kennel 100% of the time, no love, no vet care, having litter after litter until they are thrown away when they can no longer be a money making machine. Even if the facility is as clean as the opposition says, which has been proved to be untrue, that is beside the point. That animal is still living a horrible life while they reap the benefits, money.</p> <p>Morgan Perry Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
63	4/23/2019	Ann Lieseke	<p>Subject: Animal mill animal sales</p> <p>Please no pet stores in county who deal in mill animals</p> <p>Ann Lieseke</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
64	4/23/2019	Laura Simmons	<p>Subject: Pet Stores selling puppy mill dogs and cats</p> <p>Please consider banning puppy mill pets. Be the start to the end of animal cruelty. Respectfully,</p> <p>Laura Simmons Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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65	4/23/2019	Dee Robinson	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please pass a law making selling puppies in stores illegal! The abuse of puppies in puppy mills is cruel, and we should not stand by passively. Please take a strong stand against the sale of puppies in stores.</p> <p>Dee Robinson Poulsbo, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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66	4/23/2019	Marcy Johnson	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I am ethical breeder of Labrador Retrievers for 20 years in Seattle and Kitsap County. When I refer to "ethical" I refer to the way I breed and place all the animals I re home. As part of my breeding program we do testing on both the Dam and the Sire as well as their Dam and Sire and so on. I have Generations of tested animals in my breeding program. We breed for temperament and health. There is a list as long as my arm of the testing we do in order to produce the most healthy and well mannered pets to our families. I have several "repeat" families that have had 3-5 dogs from me. Its important for any ethical breeder to test and provide proof of testing to any potential family. Test like, elbows, hips, eyes, genetic defects of the above as well as cardiac and any other genetic issues that a Labrador is predisposed to have. If any of the breeding pairs have any of these issues we DO NOT breed them. The same cannot be said for the animals that are sold in pet stores, shipped in from out of state from God knows where and God knows what conditions. We provide PROOF of health and GUARANTEE that we have done everything within our power to produce healthy pets for families. They are also raised in my home in my family room, until they are ready to go to their new families. While I also show dogs and keep one to two for my breeding and showing, the majority of them go to good pet homes that we screen as if we were sending them our child. These pets also ALWAYS have a home with me if they can no longer stay with their families. Can pet shops say the same? Upon moving to Kitsap it was amazing to me the horror stories I heard about Farmland once people knew I bred dogs. It makes me sick to my stomach to know there are still places in this day and age that allow pets to be sold out of a pet store produced by backyard breeders or puppy mills. I urge you to pass this measure for the sake of these animals. Until we ban such practices, the puppy mills will continue to thrive.</p> <p>Marcy Johnson Kingston, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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67	4/23/2019	Theresa Carpenter	<p>Subject: Public Hearing on Retail Pet Sale Bill</p> <p>Honorable County Commissioners, My name is Theresa Carpenter, and although I currently live in San Diego due to being active duty in the Navy, my husband resides in Poulsbo and I've stayed a state resident. I'm also a board member for Their Voice, a local non-profit dedicated to helping Kitsap County's most vulnerable populations and to educating on the humane sourcing of family pets. I've been an advocate on this issue since getting my first Boxer dog more than 10 years ago. I was utterly grief stricken when I found out how puppies were mass produced and the meager protections afforded to them.</p> <p>Although I'm so glad you are taking up this much needed measure, I have grave concerns on enforcement. How are you going to ensure that pet stores only get animals from those breeding 20 or fewer when it's well known that pet stores receive animals from out of state. It is also known that here in the state of CA pet stores continue to operate business as usual as the breeders have simply received 501 C status. I have visited numerous pet stores in National City and Santee where fake non-profits are listed and the "rescue" puppies run in the thousands of dollars.</p> <p>The solution is to only allow sourcing from animal control agencies. I know you have received from many sources airtight language that can mitigate this issue. Many of these businesses are hiding deceptive practices and inhumane breeding standards behind "consumer choice." Is this choice at the expense of poor, defenseless animals who supply this pipeline raised in the most inhumane survival conditions? Many other industries are now being forced to adopt new societal attitudes towards animals, in particular the clothing industry, the medical testing companies, and even the farming industry with so many voting for cage-free systems and the abolishment of gestation grates. The public has spoken here, and collectively raised the bar. I urge you to follow suit and do what's right by these animals.</p> <p>Thank you! Theresa Carpenter Lakeside, CA and Poulsbo, WA resident</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, concerns about enforcement</i></p>

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68	4/23/2019	Marti Stevenson	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please ban the sale of puppy mill dogs and kitten factory cats in pet stores! These animals deserve much, much more than the life that is decided for them by some selfish, human act for profit. Animal cruelty is a very painful, unnecessary epidemic world-wide! Give a voice to these defenseless little beings and stand up for something that is RIGHT! Puppy mills and kitten factories should be banned all together - not just the sale of these little creatures to pet stores. Animals have feelings too! Stand up and fight for their safety, for their right to a wonderful life - with families that will love and cherish them.</p> <p>Marti Stevenson Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
69	4/23/2019	Dawn DeLong	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>With the amount of unwanted animals in shelters we do not need to buy from puppy mills. The females are bred way too many times and an unhealthy animal cannot produce healthy babies. I rescued a puppy mill dog and she has all kinds of issues....you do not know if the parents are blood related. It's an easy way to make money for the breeders...not so good for the puppies. Time to quit selling in pet stores.</p> <p>Dawn DeLong Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
70	4/23/2019	Victoria Hoisington	<p>Subject: To vote for or against regulation of pets sold in pet stores from puppy mills</p> <p>Hi, I volunteer at kitsap humane society. I've lived in kitsap county for 22 years. I vote for the elimination of animals sold in pet stores from puppy mills. We get alot of the dogs from farmland or other stores whi people buy on a whim don't research their breed specific needs or time involved owning a dog. I was in farmland getting horse shavings and it smelled so bad on Saturday I had to leave. The store is needing better cleaning and the puppy room is gross. The mills they come from are in the Midwest. Victoria Hoisington</p> <p>Victoria Hoisington Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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71	4/23/2019	Deborah	<p>Subject: banning the sale of puppies and kittens</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>People have the right to choose their dogs and cats that are of breeds, size, and temperament they believe are suitable for their families. We have been patrons at Farmland for years and have always enjoyed looking at their precious animals for sale. Over the years we have seen nothing but very gentle and healthy little puppies and kittens that are suitable for children and their family members from Farmland. They have a health plan referral for a free veterinarian examination of these puppies and kittens upon purchase. If there are any problems, you simply bring them back. They also have top of the line food available for them. Also, keep Farmland operating along with the experienced people that work for them.</p> <p>We currently have two dogs from Farmland, now eight and ten. They are still happy and healthy ‘puppies.’ We also have two rescue dogs and they are also are happy and healthy. Over the last 30 years we have had only one other ‘store bought’ dog; the rest have been rescue dogs or from friends that were giving away puppies, so we are fully open to animals from ‘other sources’ than a pet shop. But it is still our choice. If we want another pet from a store, we reserve our right to do so. We have nothing against the Kitsap Humane Society. Just the opposite since we have donated to them for many years, whether it’s bringing them bags or cans of food, or a cash or check donation. We used to visit them regularly but haven’t in a while. The reason? The last handful of times we went there to possibly adopt a pet, the selection was overwhelmingly nothing but pit bulls. Ignoring the pit bull debate, they are just not a pet for us. Limiting our choice to only pit bulls, or dogs with health issues, or the mange, and so on, is just not right. Farmland is a very peaceful, helpful, friendly and good environment for this community.</p> <p>Thank you. Sincerely, Deborah</p>	<p><i>Opposes ordinance</i></p>

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72	4/23/2019	David Coulter	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>I have done extensive research into this subject, and am admittedly very biased. It is difficult not to be when you have seen the horrors that are brought about by Puppy Mills. I would ask that this be taken a step further and do as some other localities in this country have done; let Craigslist know that allowing breeders to openly advertise their "wares" will NOT be allowed in Kitsap County. They will listen to you, and lives will be saved. Obviously, I am very much in support of this ordinance. My shelter mutt Maggie is wagging her tail in approval. Thank You.</p> <p>David Coulter Kingston, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
73	4/23/2019	Kelly Syhre	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Dear Board of Commissioners,</p> <p>As a concerned citizen who has lived in Kitsap County since 1998, and in Port Orchard since 2004, I support this ordinance. I have rescued and adopted dogs for all of my adult life, including very rare breeds or those with special needs. The animals I have adopted are proof that you do not have to purchase an animal from a pet store. Instead we should encourage adoption or purchasing animals from reputable breeders, not greedy middlemen who do not have the welfare of the animals in mind. I am completely against retail stores who sell animals which are typically from irresponsible backyard breeders or puppy mills. Kitsap County currently has one business which sells puppies and kittens from known mills in the Midwest. I believe that by implementing this ordinance, we can prevent other businesses from opening in our County and perpetuating this vicious cycle of greed. Local businesses who adopt a humane business model (such as Naturally 4 Paws in Silverdale or Cookie's in Port Orchard) promote adoption in their stores and will always get my support.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input.</p> <p>Kelly Syhre Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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74	4/23/2019	Pamela George	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please support this Ordinance that would protect both the animals (by removing a source to market them, thus the need to breed them) & the people of Kitsap County who trust business owners to represent what they sell honestly (and clearly they are not). Puppy Mill and Kitty Factory animals are known to come from unsatisfactory bloodlines and unhealthy conditions. Pet Shops fail to advertise and frequently fail to divulge the source of their merchandise, selling these babies simply as "purebred". It will take a ban on the sale of these animals to protect all concerned. Thank You</p> <p>Pamela George Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
75	4/23/2019	Connie Wheeler	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>Please stop the selling of puppy mill dogs and cats in pet stores. Please do your own investigation of where Farmland gets their animals. Thirteen years ago, not knowing what I was doing I purchased the cutest beagle puppy.. Last month we said good bye to our Maggie. She was so loved, but suffered from health issues her entire life.... starting with Giardia and coccidia the day after we brought her home. Maggie had bladder stones, a growth on her eye, Addison's Disease, cancer, lipomas, spinal disc disease and various other issues. We spent many thousands of dollars. Please research BJ and Guys. Look at USDA reports . This is a puppy mill. Please don't let Kitsap County continue to be a part of endorsing the suffering of innocent pets for profit.</p> <p>Connie Wheeler Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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76	4/23/2019	Margaret Betteley	<p data-bbox="600 235 1052 261">Subject: Please APPROVE the changes</p> <p data-bbox="600 306 1703 548">I am writing to urge you to APPROVE the suggested changes to Kitsap County Code Title 7 Revisions, Retail Sales of Animals, as outlined on your website under the Monday, April 22, 2019 agenda items. I am not currently a Kitsap County voter, now residing in Jefferson County. I work in Kitsap County and lived there from 1985 until 2004. I implore you to pass the revisions. The conditions I witnessed in that late 1980's at Farmland had me refusing to enter that store ever since. I refuse to support a business that sells pets for profit. Thank you for considering my thoughts.</p> <p data-bbox="600 592 821 651">Margaret Betteley Port Ludlow, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1740 235 1850 290"><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

77	4/23/2019	Sue George	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>Dear Commissioner,</p> <p>It's with a concerned heart that I write this. I recently saw the agenda for a pet store ordinance come up, on banning the sale of kittens & puppies in places like Farmland (in Silverdale). As a young girl I would occasionally visit Farmland to see all the adorable puppies. It was very early on I realized that those very adorable puppies were shipped from puppy mills. As much as I wanted to save all those puppies, in my heart I knew if I purchased one, I'd be contributing to the vicious cycle of puppies being bred for profit. I always prayed that something could be done to stop this & when I saw this come up, my heart was ecstatic, because it meant that a majority of people feel just as I do. That animals should be treated with love & dignity. If you google the term "puppy mill", a number of videos, articles & images will come up. Heartbreaking, horrifying images. The kind that leave you in tears. The cute puppies you see in the store are a far reflection from the life their own mothers & fathers live, until they take their last breath on this earth. They are confined to cramped & filthy cages. Little to no water or food. Have extremely matted hair, due to no grooming & laying in their own excrement & they receive no proper healthcare. They're literally having the life bred out of them. And adorable as those puppies may appear, many of them actually have a number of severe life long health & genetic defects. I've even seen families spend tons of money to adopt a puppy & pour their heart into it, only to lose it to the deadly Parvo virus, acquired from the puppy mill or from being passed on by the other puppies, that were placed in the same cage with them. A truly great & well intentioned breeder does not produce litters to gain a profit. Their love for the breed and continuing its healthy lineage are what drives them to spend more money out of pocket on their dogs & puppies, than they'll ever get back in adoption fees. They make sure to get genetic testing done & that all their animals have professional & proper veterinary care. They have potential families already on a waitlist to give the unborn pup a great home. And they also ask that no matter how old the dog is, that it be returned to them no matter what, if the owner is no longer able to keep them. A truly genuine & devoted breeder will do all these things & more. A backyard breeder/puppy mill's goal is to make as much money as possible, while doing the least amount of work. Their bottom line is to make a profit off the backs of the helpless. They could care less about the well being of the animals, who actually feel pain, hunger & loneliness. I please ask that you would consider approving the ban of pets from breeders or puppy mills being sold in pet stores. No decent human being with a heart would condone or continue to allow the selling</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>
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			<p>of sick & mistreated animals. The animals don't have a voice, so they depend on those with conscience & morals to speak up for them. Commissioner, that is you, you have that power to be a voice for the voiceless. We can never repay the level of love & loyalty our pets give us every day. Let's do right by them. Please be the one to help create this change for our county. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p> <p>Very respectfully, Sue George Bremerton, WA</p>	
78	4/23/2019	Vickie Josal	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>Please make passing this pet store ban on selling puppies and kittens that are bred for profit in horrific conditions a priority. Volunteering at our local shelter, I see dogs surrendering that have neurological and physical problems from poor breeding in these puppy mills. People can't deal with that and surrender their pets. Most people do not know about puppy mills. People think that do know about puppy mills think they are rescuing these poor animals but all they are doing is keeping he pipeline flowing. The only way to stop this cruel and greedy business is to make it a law to ban the sale of puppies and kittens. Adoption is the humane way. Please be the voice for these defenseless animals.</p> <p>Vickie Josal Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

79	4/23/2019	Carla Peterson	<p>Subject: Support Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I have a very personal story about why I support this ordinance. In 2002, I was 25 and fresh out grad school starting my first professional job at NUWC Keyport. I'd spent years in college housing and was happy I would be able to get a dog. I had planned to rescue but I let my sister take me around to a couple of pet stores in Beaverton, OR. I wasn't very well informed on puppy mills at the time especially with their connections to pet stores. Of course, the pet store, Scamps, had cute puppies and I ended up buying a "Doxie/Beagle" mix for \$600. He was six pounds when I got him at about 3 months. That should have told me something. Turns out, he was an Australian Cattle Dog/Bull Terrier mix (DNA testing) with an adult weight of about 60 lbs. That pet store, Scamps, was later sued for misrepresenting dogs. My "Doxie/Beagle" mix, Amos, seemed like a great dog except that he was bigger than I had imagined. I discovered that he was a resource guarder of high value food objects. He was also very fearful of handling for any sort of inspection or procedure. The dangerous part was that his warning signs were primarily body language only before he would go for the bite. No warning growl or snarl. Body language and if you didn't notice it and react accordingly, you were likely to get bit because he was fearful. I don't know where Amos came from and if it was from a puppy mill, but it was likely from somewhere that shouldn't be making money off of puppies. There's a reason why the pet store Scamps went out of business after they were sued for misrepresenting dogs. No, I was not part of that suit. I didn't find out until later. What happened to my dog, Amos? The majority of people would have taken him to a shelter and he likely wouldn't have made it out alive because a dog that bites without much warning is a safety risk for that shelter. My dog Amos taught me dog behavior. He was the smartest dog and he was my best friend. Thankfully, I worked with him enough that it was because of the massages (only from me) that I found his lymphoma. He lived until he was 13 years old and I had to put him down because of his lymphoma. Do I miss him? Every day. Do I miss his lack of warning signs before a bite? Absolutely not. That situation made my life different and I managed our life so that he nor I were in situations that would cause it to happen. It also thrust me into dog behavior and rescue. I don't want more people to get pets that are misrepresented. I know everyone is focused on Farmland because they are the pet store in the county and supposedly sell purebred dogs. However, this about more than just Farmland. It's about greed vs animal welfare. How can we knowingly turn a blind eye at the origins of</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>the puppies and kittens? Of course we don't see their parents; we only see the cute little faces of the puppies and kittens. We all know how the sight of cute puppies and kittens automatically changes the brain chemistry in the majority of people. I know it's easy because "out of sight, out of mind" but remember those puppies and kittens have parents somewhere.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Carla Peterson Bremerton, WA</p>	

80	4/23/2019	Lynn Fleischbein	<p>Dear Ms. Cannon:</p> <p>I am a life-long Kitsap resident and a long-time animal rescuer, having worked with several organizations providing such services, including the Kitsap Humane Society, of which I am an emeritus board member after many years of service. I believe I am also a well-known serial nonprofit volunteer in our community, having served on numerous nonprofit boards which has left me with a good understanding of the rescue issues in our community, what the appropriate standard of care for animals in the pipeline for purchase/adoption is/should be, and what the general pulse of our community is. I am in support of this new ordinance based on the following:</p> <p>First, I got my first pet as a grown-up after graduating from college in 1988; I picked a kitten out of a small wire cage at Farmland that August. There were several kittens in that cage, each having the rough equivalent of 6 square inches of space per kitten, if that. I think I was aware of what was then called “the pound” but for some reason did not explore my options at Kitsap Humane Society, probably because of the very negative impression of what I thought was going on there at the time. (I had not yet conceived of the idea of being part of the solution rather than continuing the problem. That came years later.) I picked the kitten I did because she wanted out of that cage and worked hard to get my attention. I gave her a name – Wooby -- and she lived for 18.5 years. While she was healthy most of her life, two things complicated her life from the beginning. First, she had been removed from her mother too soon – not being properly weaned – and I believe was at least a week or two younger than the 8 weeks the paperwork I received said she was. This was obvious to me because of her size – she fit in my own tiny hand -- and made almost constant suckling efforts her entire life. Additionally, she had not been properly socialized and could not be trusted with anyone else. Every person that ever asked to pet her was told they should leave her alone and they then, inevitably, would need a band aid after they did not heed my advice. Taking her to the veterinarian was an ordeal. She had to be anesthetized immediately upon arriving at the vet because even arm-length leather gloves were not sufficient to protect the veterinarian staff from her displeasure in being there. When it came time for her to go at the end of her life, I had my vet come to my house to take that step because it would have been an even more horrible experience to have tried to do that in the vet’s office. Although I now consider myself enlightened at 54, I did not know better at 22 and that is how this all happened and, aside from my love of animals, this experience is</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>shadow of rights. Until we're there, ordinances like this are necessary and in their best interests, and in the best interests of the public.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lynn Fleischbein, Law Office of Lynn K. Fleischbein, P.S.</p> <p>CLIENTS SHOULD NOT USE WORK E-MAIL ACCOUNTS TO COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTIAL AND/OR PRIVILEGED INFORMATION BECAUSE ITS CONFIDENTIALITY AND/OR PRIVILEGE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.</p> <p>This communication and the information contained within, along with any accompanying documentation is intended solely for the use of the party specified above and may contain information that is privileged, confidential and protected from disclosure by applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the above-named recipient (or an employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient), dissemination, distribution or copying of this or any accompanying documentation is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. If you have received this transmission in error, please immediately notify the above-identified sender by reply mail indicating that fact and delete this message from your system immediately.</p>	

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81	4/24/2019	Shanna Piliaris	<p>Subject: Oppose Kitsap County's Ordinance Banning Retail Pet Sales Dear Commissioner Garrido Garrido:</p> <p>Across America, pet stores are on the receiving end of coercive and intimidation tactics from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other animal rights groups, urging pet store owners to discontinue the sale of dogs and cats as part of their campaign to end the sale of animals that are sourced from professional, licensed, and regulated breeders.</p> <p>Recently, these groups have pushed for unsupported regulatory changes in other states to achieve their goals. These regulations often mislead the general public as to their actual effects and true impact on animal owners and breeders, and instead of using facts and science the activists prey on the emotions to influence the passage of legislation using pictures and video taken vastly out of context.</p> <p>The proposed Kitsap County ordinance poses a serious threat to public safety, forcing consumers to put their family's safety at risk by purchasing a dog with unknown background, origin, and health. The proposed Kitsap County ordinance is intended to harm the rights of citizens and to destroy viable law-abiding businesses and the future of animal ownership. I respectfully ask that you VOTE NO.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mrs. Shanna Piliaris Bremerton, WA 98312</p>	<p><i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i></p>

82	4/24/2019	Justin Kerr	<p>Subject: Oppose Kitsap County's Ordinance Banning Retail Pet Sales</p> <p>Across America, pet stores are on the receiving end of coercive and intimidation tactics from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other animal rights groups, urging pet store owners to discontinue the sale of dogs and cats as part of their campaign to end the sale of animals that are sourced from professional, licensed, and regulated breeders.</p> <p>Recently, these groups have pushed for unsupported regulatory changes in other states to achieve their goals. These regulations often mislead the general public as to their actual effects and true impact on animal owners and breeders, and instead of using facts and science the activists prey on the emotions to influence the passage of legislation using pictures and video taken vastly out of context.</p> <p>First and foremost, this is an attempt to monopolize the pet industry. Rescues and shelters are businesses no matter how you look at it, they're just a different classification. Retail pet stores are stepping on their toes, so they are using emotional propaganda to influence legislation to create regulations to achieve their goals that benefit them financially. There is an increasing shortage, and demand for puppies and kittens across America. This is a fact, and is proven by the trend of vastly increased importation of animals from not only other states, but many other countries as well. Numbers given by shelters and rescues are often inaccurate, not specifying which euthanasia were due to a pre existing health condition, accident or other factors, and often not specifying the real source of the animals they have. If you look at the numbers, pit bulls make up around %40 of dogs in shelters, yet I have never heard of this breed being sold in a pet store, we personally do not sell this breed simply because of the unfortunate large number of them in the shelters. So how can we be the real problem?</p> <p>In 2017/2018 The Seattle Humane Society paid over \$4 million in salaries, had nearly \$50 million in assets when ending 2018, profited nearly \$4 million in 2017 and \$1.2 million in 2018. Sound like a successful business? The Humane Society of the United States had over \$142 million in revenue, nearly \$39 million in salaries and almost \$250 million in assets in 2017. Sound like a successful business? They appear to be doing extremely well, with their \$137 million in contributions.</p>	<p><i>Opposes ordinance</i></p>
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83	4/24/2019	Kathy Iredale	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>I watch animal rescue shows and see the deplorable conditions these animals are in puppy mills. I can't believe they haven't all been shut down. Especially with what we know about them. Please pass this ordinance. It has to start somewhere</p> <p>Kathy Iredale Port Angeles, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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84	4/24/2019	Wolf	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>I have volunteered for a number of organizations that help companion animals. I have seen, first hand, the sad results of animals in puppy mills and kitten mills. Trust me, this is not how most people think these animals are cared for. The one in Kansas is notorious for neglect and poor conditions. Those breeding dogs live in misery. It seems, with the lack of manpower to enforce even the most basic humane treatment laws, the only way to stop this cruelty is to stop demand. This isn't a ground breaking action. Other places have already taken this step. I really hope my own community will join with the side of compassion and humane treatment of companion animals and cut off the demand in our county.</p> <p>Wolf Port Orchard, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
85	4/24/2019	Patricia Miller	<p>Subject: Pet store ordinance</p> <p>I founded and was executive director of Ruby Ranch Horse Rescue in Colorado for 18 years. I was involved in a number of neglect/abuse cases, but one in particular involved horses, donkeys, llamas, and a puppy mill. There was a box of dead puppies in a cage with their mom. Two of the moms were immediately euthanized due to mammary tumors that dragged on the ground and some type of neurological deficit forcing the mom to walk in a circle, head tilted, looking dazed. There were dead dogs in barrels, partially burned. There were remains of dogs in the dry creek bed and in the refuse pile out back. There were 40+ live dogs begging to get out of a single-wide trailer. The dogs were a commodity, not living sentient beings. Stop this cycle of abuse. It's time.</p> <p>Patricia Miller Olalla, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

86	4/24/2019	Kimberly Cizek Allen	<p>Subject: Puppy Mill Ordinance</p> <p>Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the Ordinance amending Title 7 regarding the retail sales of cats and dogs within Kitsap County. I've lived in Kitsap my entire life and remember visiting our local farm store as a young girl. I loved looking at the puppies and kittens while my parents shopped for feed and supplies for our horses. Right around age 9 or 10, I joined a local 4H group and learned that most puppies sold in retail establishments are sourced from large-scale breeding facilities known as "puppy mills." Once I learned about the conditions of these facilities and the horror breeding animals face on a daily basis, I could no longer look at the puppies and kittens, and I urged my parents to buy supplies for our animals elsewhere.</p> <p>As an adult, I've become more active in animal welfare. Pet overpopulation in the United States is rampant, even if it isn't as visible here in the Pacific Northwest. According to ASPCA, over 6 million animals enter shelters every year. 1.5 million don't leave and are euthanized for lack of space. It's heartbreaking to think that in our country, each and every day, 4,000 animals are euthanized because we don't have homes for them all. Meanwhile, large-scale commercial breeding facilities are churning out puppies by the thousands for profit.</p> <p>Considering pet overpopulation, I personally think rescuing animals is the best and most ethical way to acquire a new family member. I am not indicating, however, that ethical small-scale breeders should be impacted by this ordinance. In effect, they won't be. Kitsap County residents can still find reputable, small-scale breeders to purchase specific breeds, if that is something they choose to do. Reputable small-scale breeders ensure the health and quality of life of their breeding animals. They meet prospective families and screen owners. And they don't overbreed or keep their pets in squalid, unsanitary conditions. It's been mentioned that this ordinance amendment might impact the business of one local farm and feed store. I, and numerous individuals I know, do not shop at this store because they sell puppies and kittens. If they were no longer able to sell puppies and kittens, I would purchase my farm supplies there as they are a small, locally owned, Kitsap business, and I support local commerce. I am sure many others will do the same. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am so proud of our county and our progressive nature. I am excited to be on the right side of history on this matter and help Washington State join other states who have already banned puppy and kitten sales in retail establishments.</p> <p>In kindness, Kimberly Cizek Allen, Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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	4/26/2019	Kimberly Cizek Allen	<p>Subject: Ordinance Amending Title 7</p> <p>Hi Jennifer,</p> <p>Attached are my comments supporting the ordinance to amend Title 7.</p> <p>Kindly, Kim</p> <p>Kimberly Cizek Allen Kitsap Humane Society Director of Development & Community Engagement <u>Silverdale, WA</u> Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome.</p> <hr/> <p>Kitsap County Board of Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the Ordinance amending Title 7 regarding the retail sales of cats and dogs within Kitsap County. I've lived in Kitsap my entire life and remember visiting our local farm store as a young girl. I loved looking at the puppies and kittens while my parents shopped for feed and supplies for our horses. Right around age 9 or 10, I joined a local 4H group and learned that most puppies sold in retail establishments are sourced from large-scale breeding facilities known as "puppy mills." Once I learned about the conditions of these facilities and the horror breeding animals face on a daily basis, I could no longer look at the puppies and kittens, and I urged my parents to buy supplies for our animals elsewhere.</p> <p>As an adult, I've become more active in animal welfare. Pet overpopulation in the United States is rampant, even if it isn't as visible here in the Pacific Northwest. According to ASPCA, over 6 million animals enter shelters every year. 1.5 million don't leave and are euthanized for lack of space. It's heartbreaking to think that in our country, each and every day, 4,000 animals are euthanized because we don't have homes for them all. Meanwhile, large-scale commercial breeding facilities are churning out puppies by the thousands for profit.</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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87	4/26/2019	Jenna Jensen	<p>Subject: Re: Kitsap County pet shop ordinance</p> <p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I know you received numerous emails regarding the retail pet shop ordinance you all are considering, so I wanted to check in and make sure you received my comments below. In order for the ordinance to effectively stop the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline, the exemption for hobbyists must be removed, otherwise the proposed ordinance is meaningless.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and let me know if you have any questions.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend!</p> <p>Jenna Jensen Public Policy Specialist, Stop Puppy Mills campaign humanesociety.org</p> <p>The Humane Society of the United States is the nation’s most effective animal protection organization, fighting for all animals for more than 60 years. To support our work, please make a monthly donation, give in another way or volunteer.</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i></p>

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88	4/27/2019	Lana and Steve Swann	<p>Subject: Puppy Mill Ordinance</p> <p>Kitsap County Commissioners:</p> <p>We are writing in opposition to the sale of puppies and kittens produced by "puppy and Kitten" factories both inside and outside of Washington. We support the ordinance banning the sale of puppies/kitten from puppy mills.</p> <p>We rescued a puppy mill dog about ten years ago. Pixie, especially sweet and submissive, was raised for breeding by an operator in Amherst, outside of Richmond (VA). She was caged all but one hour daily; and was fed and watered once a day. To our knowledge she had at least one litter For the first year, she was fearful of people and other pets.</p> <p>She is still with us today.... and got quite lucky when she found us.</p> <p>We encourage adoption of pets from the Kitsap Humane Society.</p> <p>Thanks you for your interest in this important subject.</p> <p>Lana and Steve Swann, Poulsbo</p> <p>STEPHEN L. SWANN COMMISSIONER, PORT of POULSBO, WASHINGTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, POULSBO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA ATTORNEY (Retired), COMMANDER, U.S. COAST GUARD (Retired) Poulsbo, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

89	4/28/2019	Karyn Moni	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>Thank you for continuing to consider the ban on the retail sale of puppies and kittens. Of course, I fully support this change. I was out of town and unable to comment at the meeting on April 22 but was able to watch online. I cannot really comment on the correct way to legally word this ban, but the ban needs to be instituted.</p> <p>At the hearing, a few opponents spoke to the wonderful puppies they got at our local pet store and question why Commissioners would want to stop that. We all hope all the puppies are happy and healthy. That is fantastic. We could pretend that ALL puppies sold there were 100% healthy, true gems. This still doesn't justify the cruel lives led by the breeding dogs at puppy mills. Washington does not allow large-scale breeders because of this cruelty. And yet, to date, some stores have skirted around this by dealing with out-of-state puppy mills. This is why we need change to our current ordinance; to keep in standards with what our State has already stated.</p> <p>Let's close that loophole.</p> <p>An opponent said the cruelty of puppy mills, and the puppy mill supplying our local store specifically, isn't well documented and that this is an "undocumented problem." How much more documentation is needed? There is local vet testimony; there is USDA documentation; there is supporting documentation from HSUS; there is documentation from a northwest rescue that has recorded numerous complaints about our local store's puppies. Opponents continued to erroneously state this change would "take away our choice." All consumers can still buy any breed puppy they want from any reputable breeder. They are not mandated to adopt a puppy "on the black market" - as one opponent called rescues. An opponent said it will "take away freedom of shopping in a safe environment." Puppies in a well-lit store with hopefully temperature-controlled environments certainly appear to be a safe environment. But again, let's think about the cruelly housed breeding dogs. The retail store is a smokescreen for what's happening behind the scenes.</p> <p>Again, let's close that loophole. Opponents say this is an attack on this one small business specifically. This one store insists on making money off something that is created cruelly, that our own state says we shouldn't be supporting; this one store causes harm to hundreds of</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>
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90	4/28/2019	Kay Fritchman	<p>Subject: Public Comment</p> <p>Kitsap County Board of Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the Ordinance amending Title 7 regarding the retail sales of cats and dogs within Kitsap County. The conditions of these facilities and the horror breeding animals face on a daily basis is unbelievable. I myself have owned two dogs that I have rescued from puppy mills. They both had horrible medical issues with a lifetime of vet bills.</p> <p>I am an active board member with Kitsap Humane Society. Pet overpopulation in the United States is rampant, even if it isn't as visible here in the Pacific Northwest. According to ASPCA, over 6 million animals enter shelters every year. 1.5 million don't leave and are euthanized for lack of space. It's heartbreaking to think that in our country, each and every day, 4,000 animals are euthanized because we don't have homes for them all. Meanwhile, large-scale commercial breeding facilities are churning out puppies by the thousands for profit. Many of these puppies are not bred properly and the mothers are bred continuously in horrible conditions. It is heartbreaking to say the least to see how these animals are treated.</p> <p>Considering pet overpopulation, I personally think rescuing animals is the best and most ethical way to acquire a new family member. I am not indicating, however, that ethical small-scale breeders should be impacted by this ordinance. In effect, they won't be. Kitsap County residents can still find reputable, small-scale breeders to purchase specific breeds, if that is something they choose to do. Reputable small-scale breeders ensure the health and quality of life of their breeding animals. They meet prospective families and screen owners. And they don't overbreed or keep their pets in squalid, unsanitary conditions.</p> <p>It's been mentioned that this ordinance amendment might impact the business of one local farm and feed store. I, and my friends, do not shop at this store because they sell puppies and kittens. If they were no longer able to sell puppies and kittens, I would purchase my farm supplies there as they are a small, locally owned, Kitsap business, and I support local commerce. I am sure many others will do the same.</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am proud to be a board member at KHS and support their amazing work in rescuing animals. Please help Washington state ban the selling of puppies and kittens as other states have.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kay Fritchman, KHS Board Member</p>	
91	4/29/2019	Allison Falk	<p>Subject: Retail Sale of companion animals</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I urge you to pass the ordinance that would prevent the sale of puppies and kittens obtained from puppy mills. These breeding facilities and the people who are associated with them only have interest in generating profits and have no interest in the health and well being of the animals they use as breeding machines. There is absolutely no way to justify these types of businesses and by allowing the sales of animals born in such conditions is promoting animal cruelty. No business in Kitsap County should be allowed to profit from such practices.</p> <p>Sincerely, Allison Falk Silverdale, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
92	4/29/2019	Bernice Langeliers	<p>Subject: Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please stop the sale of animals in the pet stores especially from factory farms (aka puppy mills. Its the Human thing to do !</p> <p>Bernice Langeliers Bremerton, WA</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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93	4/29/2019	Paul Travis	<p data-bbox="600 235 1129 264">Subject: Public Hearing, Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p data-bbox="600 305 1692 440">I have heard too many stories about puppy mills in the area -- please guide our county and extended community to be a wholesome place to live. One that prevents abuse and neglect and fosters the welfare of animals RATHER THAN on business for business sake, whether it includes abuse and neglect of the product being sold.</p> <p data-bbox="600 483 1629 548">Please pass an ordinance, WITHOUT the hobbyist exemption, that prohibits the sale of commercially- bred dogs and cats in pet stores.</p> <p data-bbox="600 592 867 654">Paul Travis Bainbridge Island, WA</p>	<p data-bbox="1738 235 1877 358"><i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i></p>

94	4/29/2019	Kim Feir	<p>Subject: Re: Puppy Mill Ordinance Petition Inquiry</p> <p>Hi Gretchen,</p> <p>Thank you for your response. I appreciate the thought that has gone into this. I would hate to eliminate all the responsible breeders leaving only the breeders that are not responsible. I think that the way that this ordinance would create a "no puppy zone" in Kitsap county. I know that having a puppy really helped my daughter through 4 years of sickness and being a single mom I appreciated having local access to responsible well cared for puppies. With a sick daughter, I did not feel like it would be responsible to take on a dog that needed rehab, but needed a well cared for puppy that would bring distraction, comfort and love during illness.</p> <p>The definition I found for puppy mill is as follows: puppy mill: an establishment that breeds puppies for sale, typically on an intensive basis, in conditions regarded as inhumane.</p> <p>I like having puppies that I can buy as I don't want to let my dogs have puppies. When I buy directly from a breeder, I have visited the litter at 4 weeks, 6 weeks and then after 8 weeks to take the puppy home. The breeders that I have purchased from have kept their dogs in excellent conditions as they wish to perpetuate the breed for show and for people's pets. Over my lifetime, I have purchased 5+ dogs from local breeders.</p> <p>I researched the breeder that Farmland uses for their puppies and also found that it kept its dogs in very acceptable circumstances. I have purchased 2 puppies from Farmland. Both were well adjusted puppies, with none of the puppy mill signs. Both came with vet checks, partial shots, and both love to visit Farmland. Dogs who have been mistreated do not like returning to the site of their problems. Both have been very good dogs with good health and temperament. One has been used as a companion dog for a sick child. I also like to support our local family businesses. I would hate to see our government not supporting our local people and local businesses.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. Kim Feir</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
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95	4/29/2019	Kimmy Siebens	<p>Hi Jennifer,</p> <p>I don't know if you get these letters to the commissioners when sent in via this online form? I would like you to read as well. Please note item 1.D. It basically shows that if the hobbyist exception remains in final ordinance it will make the ordinance pointless and pets from mills will still be funneled into Kitsap. I wasn't aware of this loop hole until recently and has taken me some time to research what the commerce clause is etc. I hope I am not getting this information to you too late.</p> <p>Kimmy Siebens Bremerton, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, hobbyist amendment</i></p>

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96	4/29/2019	Marla Katz	<p>Subject: Public Hearing, Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Please pass the Pet Store Ordinance to prohibit the sale of commercially-bred dogs and cats in pet stores - without the hobbyist exemption. The cruelty in out of state puppy and cat mills is horrific.</p> <p>The USDA regulates breeding operations, but the standards of care are bare survival, and are inherently cruel. And, due to resource limitations, even these "standards" are inadequately enforced. USDA standards allow the following (Source: The Puppy Mill Project https://www.thepupppymillproject.org/relevant-laws/):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no limit to the number of dogs on the premises. It's not uncommon to have hundreds to well over 1,000 dogs on site. 2. There is no minimum level of staffing to care for dogs. 3. Dogs may be kept in stacked cages with mesh or wire flooring, and forced to relieve themselves in those cages. 4. A dog may be caged in a space just six inches larger than their body (not including tail), 24 hours a day for their entire life, only periodically being removed from the cage for breeding. 5. There is no exercise requirement if dogs are housed with other dogs and certain minimal size requirements are met for the dog's enclosure. 6. Human social interaction is not required. 7. It's permissible to breed females at the first heat cycle and every heat cycle. 8. Once dogs become spent, ill, or less productive, they may be killed off or auctioned. <p>Animals raised in commercial breeding operations suffer greatly. A large scale study of these animals showed that those that survive and find homes, suffer long lasting, extreme and persistent fears and phobias. It's a tragic situation that we need to do something about. (Source: Mental Health of Dogs Formerly Used as Breeding Stock in Commercial Breeding Establishments in Applied Animal Behaviour Science, Nov. 2011 [link, not working]).</p> <p>Thank you for considering my views.</p> <p>Marla Katz Seattle, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

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97	4/29/2019	Gayle Janzen	<p>Dear Kitsap County Commissioners;</p> <p>I urge you to pass an ordinance, WITHOUT the hobbyist exemption, that prohibits the sale of commercially- bred dogs and cats in pet stores.</p> <p>As long as pet stores selling puppy/kitten mill animals, these factory farms (mills) will continue to churn out puppies and kittens while the adult animals at the mills suffer 24/7 in small cages, with little care and socialization. All they know is life in a cage. I'm sure you've seen photos of these places of horror with dogs living in squalor with matted fur and all kinds of physical ailments. Is that something Kitsap County wants to continue to support? Not to mention the fact that many of these puppies and kittens are sick when sold to unsuspecting pet parents who then have to deal with an animal who may die prematurely due to bad breeding on these disgusting factory farms.</p> <p>I urge you to follow in the footsteps in many other cities who have banned the sale of puppies and kittens from factory farms and now only the adoption of animals from shelters in the stores. This is a win-win as there are literally millions of animals in shelters dying for a loving home. It's time that humans stop profiting off the suffering of animals and start putting the needs of the animals above profits. It is shameful that in the 21st century, that millions of animals are killed in shelters every year, because of overbreeding in puppy mills and the failure of people to get their animals spayed and neutered. We should have solved this problem long ago as it's not that difficult to spay and neuter animals!</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input and I hope Kitsap County stops selling factory farmed dogs and cats.</p> <p>Gayle Janzen Seattle, WA</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance</i></p>

Section 2: Comments with attachments

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1	3/14/2019	Jeanne Munro	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 1 to 2). Comment from: Jeanne Munro, Silverdale, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
2	3/14/2019	Jack Munro	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 3 to 9). Comment from: Jack Munro, Silverdale, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
3	3/15/2019	Shannon Randall	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 10 to 61). Comment from: Shannon Randall, Silverdale, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
4	4/9/2019	Carollynn Zimmers	<p>Hi Jennifer. Thank you for all your valuable information during our call today. I have attached the flyers and the power point (PDF, not yet finished) for our May 4th Kitsap Aware forum on Adopt Don't Shop: The Movement to Ban Puppy Mill Sales.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carollynn Zimmers DVM</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 62 to 106). Comment from: Carollynn Zimmers</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

5	4/13/2019	Carollynn Zimmers DVM	<p>Dear Commissioners Gelder, Garrido and Wolfe:</p> <p>I am writing in support of the proposed code revision Chapter 7 of the Kitsap County Code and would like my comments to be considered for the draft policy limiting the retail sales of puppies and kittens in unincorporated Kitsap County. As a veterinarian with over 30 years of practicing veterinary medicine in Kitsap County, I am very surprised and disappointed that you did not consider the veterinary community a stakeholder and thus our comments were not considered. I did read the stakeholder summary document and must commend you on a very thorough investigation of the issues other than my sole complaint. I do have important input that you may not have considered since I have been involved in both the local efforts and at the state level for pet sale bans. Unfortunately, HB1640 that would have prevented sales state wide was not successful.</p> <p>Under the proposed code revision 7.09.010, the ordinance authorizes pet stores to source animals from animal welfare organizations. Under the definition section (7.04.020) an “animal welfare organization” is defined as a nonprofit registered with the Washington Secretary of State’s office (SOS) with a mission to ensure humane treatment of animals. Unfortunately, the definition leaves the door wide open for pet stores to obtain animals from so-called nonprofits that are affiliated with commercial animal breeders and brokers. Other states and many local governments have allowed pet stores to source animals from shelters and/or rescue groups only to find that stores are selling animals as “rescues” when they have actually been obtained indirectly through a breeder or broker. It is easy to form a fraudulent nonprofit, then register it with the SOS and technically be compliant with the proposed ordinance.</p> <p>The solution for this is for the County to change the proposed ordinance so that it a) prevents the sale of cats or dogs at pet stores, allowing only the showcasing of animals for adoption by bonafide animal care and control agencies and animal rescue groups, where the adoption is handled in-person by that agency or group; or 2) allows only the sale of dogs or cats obtained from animal care and control agencies as defined in RCW 16.52.011. These are public shelters and humane societies that serve local jurisdictions. However, it is unlikely that these organizations would ever supply dogs or cats to be sold at retail.</p> <p>Another observance is that proposed Section 7.09.010 (a) (1) and (2) creates some confusion about the sources of animals that can be sold by hobbyists and pet stores. It appears to allow</p>	<p><i>Supports ordinance, Animal welfare definition amendment, clarifications</i></p>
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			<p>pet stores to sell dogs and cats bred on site by hobbyists as well as those obtained from animal welfare organizations; and hobbyists can sell dogs and cats obtained from animal welfare organizations as well as sell animals bred at their own facilities.</p> <p>I want to credit Rick Hall of Washington Alliance for Humane Legislation for the above research and comments. Mr. Hall has also provided suggested revisions and options that I will attach. I am including the URL to a story from the Chicago Tribune that is very relevant to Rick Hall's research and the comments above. https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-puppy-laundering-ring-chicago-pet-stores-20190314-story.html</p> <p>We welcome any questions you have on the suggested revisions to the proposed ordinance. Please feel free to contact Rick Hall [<i>contact information</i>] or me at [<i>contact information</i>].</p> <p>Respectfully, Carollynn Zimmers DVM</p> <p>CC: Eric Baker and Jennifer Cannon</p> <p>PS Rick Hall's Credentials: Rick Hall has drafted and edited animal welfare legislation since 2009 for members of the Washington State legislature and prepared/edited proposed ordinances for local governments. Topics have included: funding companion animal spay/neuter assistance; establishing limits on dog tethering; adopting animals following their use in science or research; limiting retail sales of dogs and cats from pet stores; limiting pet leasing and other forms of financing agreements for dogs and cats that allow repossession; limiting dog breed discrimination; creating infraction penalties for failure to provide adequate care of animals; strengthening the state statutes defining first and second degree animal cruelty; authorizing emergency responders to legally perform limited, life-saving veterinary medical treatment on animals; and prohibiting horse slaughter and the transport of animals destined for horse slaughter.</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see page 107).</i></p>	
6	4/15/2019	Jack Munro	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 108 to 134). Comment from: Jack Munro, Silverdale, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>

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7	4/19/2019	Claudia Kilburn	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 135). Comment from: Claudia Kilburn, Poulsbo, WA</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
8	4/20/2019	Andrea A. Delaplaine	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 136-138). Comment from: Andrea A. Delaplaine, Winlock, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
9	4/21/2019	Carolyn Lantz	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 139). Comment from: Carolyn Lantz, Elizabeth, CO</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
10	4/21/2019	James Stein	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 140). Comment from: Mr. James Stein, Madison, OH</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
11	4/21/2019	Melissa Dassinger	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 141). Comment from: Melissa Dassinger, Rapid City, SD</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
12	4/21/2019	Corinne Fayo	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 142). Comment from: Mrs. Corinne Fayo, Valatie, NY</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
13	4/21/2019	Liz Lufrano	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 143). Comment from: Ms. Liz Lufrano, Prunedale, CA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
14	4/21/2019	Debra Narus	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 144). Comment from: Debra Narus, Colchester, CT</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
15	4/21/2019	Mary Kay	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 145). Comment from: Mary Kay, Poulsbo, WA</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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16	4/21/2019	Angela Shubert	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 146). Comment from: Ms. Angela Shubert, Clare, IL</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
17	4/21/2019	Patricia Harris	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 147). Comment from: Ms. Patricia Harris, Okemah, OK</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
18	4/21/2019	Curtis Livingston	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 148). Comment from: Ms. Curtis Livingston, Philadelphia, PA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
19	4/21/2019	Elizabeth Layton	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 149). Comment from: Ms. Elizabeth Layton, Laurens, NY</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
20	4/21/2019	Laura Woodrum	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>Attached is my written response to the agenda item scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019. Please consider reviewing my thoughts and concerns. If for any reason, this agenda item is removed or rescheduled, I am requesting that you retain my attached response until such a time that the Board of County Commissioners can review it and include it in any decision-making sessions.</p> <p>Sincerely, Laura Woodrum</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 150 to 152). Comment from: Laura Woodrum</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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21	4/21/2019	Margi Moore	<p>Thanks for your response. I have USDA Inspection reports on the breeder Farmland uses. While I do not want this to be in any way a target of one business in Kitsap County, I feel it is important to refute his claims of responsible breeding. Also, I feel it is important to point out that out of state suppliers are not required to comply with any of the laws of the State of Washington (ie 50 max intact animals) This breeder has over 1,100 animals at any given time. The number of animals is listed on the USDA Inspection reports.</p> <p>I am out of town the day of the hearing, otherwise I would attend. I believe one of my friends will be presenting the USDA Inspection reports, but I am attaching them with an excerpted copy of the 2017 Humane Society of the United States Horrible Hundred report for the record.</p> <p> kindest regards, Margi Moore Port Orchard</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 153 to 170).</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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22	4/21/2019	Tina	<p>Subject: Fact sheet for California ban on commercial puppy kitten and rabbit sales</p> <p>Eric,</p> <p>The fact sheet emphasizes costs to taxpayers without this new law in California. Kitsap could use that as part of justification for the new policy. California's law does not allow exceptions as Kitsap policy does. Only rescue dogs, cats and rabbits may be sold commercially. Kitsap has an exception. It would be better to have no exceptions in light of huge number of unwanted animals and resultant high euthanized rates nationwide. If there are rabbit rescues in or near Kitsap, then rabbits should be included. The recent rabbit rescue by KHS offers a sound basis for their inclusion. The tagging requirements in California's law would ensure compliance, make enforcement easier, and give consumers peace of mind if they chose to get their pet from Farmland vs KHS. Kitsap should add them. In fact, in my opinion Kitsap should model its policy after California's....including its justifications. Why reinvent the wheel? Especially if Farmland lawyers are yapping.</p> <p>I think you should speak. You are an extremely effective speaker.</p> <p>Tina <i>Full materials attached (see pages 171 to 172).</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
23	4/22/2019	Sandra Nance	<i>Full comment attached (see page 173). Comment from: Mrs. Sandra Nance, Austin, AR</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
24	4/22/2019	Doug Terranova	<i>Full comment attached (see page 174). Comment from: Mr. Doug Terranova, Kaufman, TX</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>

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25	4/22/2019	David	<p>Hi Eric, not many occasions to contact you. This pet selling ban on Farmland is wrong on many levels. Seems snobbish to me. We have had no experience of getting sick/distressed/unhealthy dogs from Farmland. The vet have done business with for well over 20 and has done exams for Farmland for over 27 years is who you need to be listening to at tonight's hearing on this issue.</p> <p>I've attached my comments in pdf form. I can't be there, but hope the commissioners will consider them. I also sent to Charlotte in event the general contact form I submitted on this meeting/hearing is missed.</p> <p>Hope all is well with you. You must have still have another 5 years of so to retire I think.</p> <p>Sincerely, David</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 175 to 176).</i></p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
26	4/22/2019	Eric Stevens, Kitsap Humane Society	<p>Eric Baker and Kitsap County Commissioners,</p> <p>Attached is our written testimony on the proposed ordinance limiting retail sales of animals bred in puppy mills. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I plan to testify on behalf of Kitsap Humane Society this evening.</p> <p>Eric Stevens Kitsap Humane Society Executive Director www.kitsap-humane.org Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome.</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 177 to 178).</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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27	4/22/2019	Margi Moore	<p>Good evening, I was able to get back from the Port Angeles ferry in time to make comments in support of the change, but would also like to add further information since the public comment period is still open. I have attached a Journal of Veterinary Behavior paper regarding the behavior and psychological outcomes for puppies sold in pet stores that were bred in commercial facilities.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Margi Moore Port Orchard, WA</p> <p><i>Full materials attached (see pages 179 to 191). Comment from: Margi Moore</i></p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

28	4/22/2019	Angela Sisney	<p>Subject: Letter and exhibits in support of Pet Store Ordinance</p> <p>Kitsap County Commissioners, Please consider my attached letter and supporting exhibits in support of the Pet Store Ordinance. I understand that it will be on the agenda for tonight’s meeting. I hope to speak at the meeting. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss, please let me know. Thank you for your service, time and consideration of this important issue.</p> <p>Angela Sisney</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">ANGELA D. SISNEY Attorney at Law Gig Harbor, WA 98332</p> <p>Dear Kitsap County Commissioners:</p> <p>I am writing today to urge this Board, in the strongest possible manner, to pass the proposed ordinance banning the retail sale of cats, dogs and rabbits. This ordinance cuts off the demand for animals from animal mills. The eradication of such animal mills is an objective that is close to my heart and one for which I have been advocating for many years. I approach this issue from a very unique perspective because I was a maltese dog breeder and am a volunteer for dog rescue. I ask for your patience as I provide you with some personal background that informs my position and evidence that makes clear that this ordinance should be passed. (This letter focuses on dogs, because that is my background, however, the information and reasoning is applicable to cats and rabbits as well.)</p> <p>My background: I bred and exhibited maltese dogs in Poulsbo in the 1970s and 1980s, along with my mother. We had 50 dogs and travelled with many of them to American Kennel Club (AKC) dog shows across the west every weekend and school break. We finished at least 2 champions every year, had the number one maltese in the country at one time and I personally showed him at Westminster in New York. I was a member of the American Maltese Association and we complied with its Code of Ethics, which is found at this link:</p>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
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			<p>www.americanmaltese.org/sites/default/files/documents/files/AMA/AMA_GoverningDoc_Code_of_Ethics.pdf</p> <p>After law school, I became more aware of the issues of pet over-population, extraordinarily high euthanasia rates, and the scourge of puppy mills. I became aware that AKC lobbied against any legislation limiting commercial breeding facilities because the AKC profits from registrations of dogs born in such facilities. I decided that I no longer wanted to contribute to the problem by breeding more dogs and supporting AKC, therefore, I quit breeding and exhibiting dogs and instead devoted myself to advocating and volunteering for dog rescue. I am a past Board Member of nationally recognized Pasado's Safe Haven (a sanctuary in Sultan, WA), and have been a volunteer for American Maltese Association Rescue, Maltese Rescue California and Rescue Every Dog (Kingston, WA). I have fostered, screened adopters, performed home inspections, transported (by air and car), and sat weekly with dogs up for adoption at our local Gig Harbor Petco.</p> <p>By profession I am a corporate attorney.</p> <p>Given my background, I have a uniquely informed perspective on the issues presented by the ordinance.</p> <p>Responsible Breeders do not sell to pet stores: Responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores or brokers who would sell to pet stores. Period. Every national breed club in the US has a code of ethics. In one form or another they all include the prohibition that is found in the American Maltese Association Code of Ethics: <i>"I will not knowingly deal with dog wholesalers, commercial retailers, brokers or unethical dog breeders, nor supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects."</i></p> <p>Reputable breeders are committed to breed to the ideals of the breed standard. As a practical matter, dogs with their kennel name represent the breeder; the breeder is careful to whom they sell/entrust their dogs and carefully screen purchasers. A sample puppy purchase application used by a reputable breeder is found at this link: https://www.riverbendkennels.com/puppy-application.html</p> <p>Reputable breeders typically have the purchaser of a puppy sign a contract indicating that if the purchaser cannot keep the dog, they need to return it to the breeder. They also will only give "breeding" rights to certain purchasers of their dogs; instead making the purchaser agree to</p>	
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			<p>pictures from USDA inspections (starting at page 90 of the PDF). I have attached a copy of the petition.</p> <p>For example, the minimum housing for a dog in a commercial breeding facility under the regulations is determined by a calculation based on the dog’s length. My dog is 15 inches long and it would be acceptable for my dog to live in an enclosure that is 3 square feet. The top of the enclosure would only need to be 6 inches above his head. <u>For his entire life</u>. See the attached pdf of a handout from the USDA entitled: Minimum Space for Dogs.</p> <p>Minimal USDA enforcement: Even the minimal USDA standards are not enforced. There are too few inspectors, too few inspections, and when inspections do occur and violations are found, a fine may be issued, but the commercial facility is allowed to continue to operate. Evidence of the same is in the Petition to the USDA referenced above and attached, as well as the HSUS report on the Horrible 100 (the worst puppy mills in the United States) located at this link:</p> <p>https://www.humanesociety.org/news/horrible-hundred-2017-uncovering-us-puppy-mills?credit=web_id80597225</p> <p>It is common for USDA to issue violations for egregious conditions and not revoke the license; the commercial breeding continues in the conditions that violated even the USDA’s minimum standards.</p> <p>In 2010, an audit conducted by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) found USDA enforcement shockingly inadequate. According to the report, many inspectors took little or no action against violators, failed to properly cite violations and sometimes reported serious direct violations (e.g., tick infestations on dogs, cockroach-infested food, excessive build-up of animal waste) as indirect violations. In response to the OIG report, the USDA committed to improving its enforcement practices; however, the agency’s own records during the past eight years indicate they have done nothing of the sort. In light of this, in a show of rare bi-partisan unity, U.S. Representatives Mark Pocan (D-WI) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) have jointly requested that the USDA rectify the situation. A copy of their letter is at this link: https://www.aspca.org/sites/default/files/final_signed_letter_to_usda_oig_fong_on_awa_enforcement_12.11.2017.pdf</p>	
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			<p>(80%) are healthy and treatable and could have been adopted into new homes. 70% of the cats in shelters are euthanized. The Pierce County Humane Society cared for over 11,000 animal in 2017. They had a 92% save rate through outreach programs, foster programs, volunteers and donors. But no-kill status is still elusive. The Kitsap County Humane Society took in 835 stray dogs, 1825 stray cats in 2018. It took in 514 dogs and 936 cats from owner surrenders. They killed 36 dogs and 87 cats. It should also be noted that 25% of the dogs in shelters are purebred dogs.</p> <p>This ordinance effectively address 3 problems: This ordinance increases adoption rates for homeless dogs, cats and rabbits, helps dry up demand for animal mill animals, and protects Gig Harbor consumers from the expense and heartbreak posed by the health conditions that animal mill animals typically have.</p> <p>Momentum in passing similar laws elsewhere: There has been great momentum in passing similar ordinances across the country. Locally, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island have passed ordinances (Bremerton, unanimously). Recently, New Jersey passed a similar law, preceded California. Many cities large and small have passed these ordinances including Chicago, Miami Beach, Phoenix, Atlanta and Salt Lake City. These laws have withstood legal challenge, including in federal courts in Illinois, Florida and Arizona—on motions for summary judgement. https://www.thepupppymillproject.org/three-courts-rule-in-favor-of-pet-sale-ordinances/. A list of cities that have similar ordinances is found at this link: https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/states-retail-pet-sale-bans</p> <p>Conclusion: I applaud the Board for considering this ordinance. Please pass this ordinance to send the message that this cruel business is not welcome here. The people of Kitsap County love pets and do not want to support a business that makes its profit off the backs of animals being tortured in the mills. Finally, if you have ever had a dog, take a moment and think about if your dog was destined to live its entire life in a cage the size of a dishwasher. That is what motivates me; I hope it motivates you. Let Kitsap County be on the right side of history. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Angela Sisney Gig Harbor, WA More information about puppy mills can be found at these links:</p>	
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			<p>https://www.their-voice.org/ https://www.thepuppmillproject.org/puppy-mills/ https://www.humanesociety.org/all-our-fights/stopping-puppy-mills?</p> <p><i>Full attachments provided (see pages 192-436). Comment from: Angela Sisney</i></p>	
29	4/22/2019	Elizabeth Oreck	<p>Subject: Support for retail pet sales restrictions from Best Friends Animal Society</p> <p>Honorable Commissioners Garrido, Gelder and Wolfe:</p> <p>On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society and our Washington members, please find attached a letter in support of an ordinance to restrict the retail sales of companion animals in Kitsap County. Also attached are a few resource documents that you may find helpful.</p> <p>Best Friends is one of the leading animal welfare organizations in the United States. We are committed to fighting the cruelty of puppy and kitten mills, and we believe that an ordinance to restrict pet sales in Kitsap County will be an important, positive step to that end.</p> <p>We have been proud to work with the majority of more than 300 communities in Washington and beyond that have enacted retail pet sales ordinances, as well as the California and Maryland statewide retail pet sales bans, and I hope you will let me know if we can help in any way.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions. Thank you very much for your support of this important proposal.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Elizabeth Oreck National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives, Best Friends Animal Society</p> <p><i>Full comment attached (see pages 437-465). Comment from: Elizabeth Oreck</i></p>	
30	4/22/2019	Kayla Kerr	<p><i>Full comment attached (see pages 466-470). Comment from: Kathy Wallace</i></p>	Opposes ordinance

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31	4/22/2019	Teri Trego	<i>Full comment attached (see page 471). Comment from: Teri Trego, Manchester, WA</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
32	4/22/2019	Rachelle Rose	<i>Full comment attached (see page 472). Comment from: Rachelle Rose</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
33	4/22/2019	Brenda Walter	<i>Full comment attached (see page 473). Comment from: Brenda Walter, Green Castle, MO</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
34	4/22/2019	Broox Trudeau	<i>Full comment attached (see page 474). Comment from: Broox Trudeau, Kitsap County voter</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
35	4/22/2019	Kathy Hartlieb	<i>Full comment attached (see page 475). Comment from: Kathy Hartlieb, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
36	4/22/2019	Edward Kattel	<i>Full comment attached (see page 476). Comment from: Edward Kattel, Islamorada, FL</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
37	4/22/2019	Susan Hager-Smith	<i>Full comment attached (see page 477). Comment from: Susan Hager-Smith, Portland, OR</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
38	4/22/2019	Bruce Hinds	<i>Full comment attached (see page 478). Comment from: Bruce Hinds, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
39	4/22/2019	Brian Strasbaugh	<i>Full comment attached (see page 479). Comment from: Brian Strasbaugh, Lake Tapps, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>

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40	4/22/2019	Richard Oetting	<i>Full comment attached (see page 480). Comment from: Richard Oetting, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
41	4/22/2019	Carter Watts	<i>Full comment attached (see page 481). Comment from: Carter Watts, Seabeck, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
42	4/22/2019	Tim Davies	<i>Full comment attached (see page 482). Comment from: Tim Davies, Kirkland, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
43	4/22/2019	Nikki Johanson	<i>Full comment attached (see page 483). Comment from: Nikki Johanson, Silverdale, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
44	4/22/2019	John Laha	<i>Full comment attached (see page 484). Comment from: John Laha, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
45	4/22/2019	Jackie Jones	<i>Full comment attached (see page 485). Comment from: Jackie Jones, Seabeck, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
46	4/24/2019	Kathy Wallis	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 486-488). Comment from: Kathy Wallace</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
47	4/24/2019	Kim Siebens	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 489-494). Comment from: Kim Siebens, Their Voice</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>
48	4/24/2019	Carollynn Zimmers, DVM	<i>Full comment attached (see pages 495 - 530). Comment from: Carollynn Zimmers, DVM</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

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49	4/24/2019	Kathy Hargrave	<i>Full comment attached (see page 531). Comment from: Kathy Hargrave, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
50	4/24/2019	Neita Ferron	<i>Full comment attached (see page 532). Comment from: Neita Ferron, Sequim, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
51	4/24/2019	Steve Poythress	<i>Full comment attached (see page 533). Comment from: Steve Poythress, Orting, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
52	4/26/2019	Sherrie Lee	<i>Full comment attached (see page 534). Comment from: Sherrie Lee, Yelm, WA</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
53	4/27/2019	Linda Hinton	<i>Full comment attached (see page 535). Comment from: Linda Hinton</i>	<i>Supports ordinance, Hobbyist amendment</i>
54	4/27/2019	Kailee Ray	<i>Full comment attached (see page 536). Comment from: Kailee Ray, Portland, OR</i>	<i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i>
55	4/27/2019	Bob Wilson	<i>Full comment attached (see page 537). Comment from: Bob Wilson, Port Orchard, WA</i>	<i>Supports ordinance</i>

56	4/29/2019	Jack Munro	<p>Subject: Pictures of BJS kennel</p> <p>Commissioners,</p> <p>I have included photos of various buildings inside and out at BJ'S kennel. After viewing these photos I am certain that you will be impressed visually as to the spotless appearance of this kennel. There is no over crowding, no wallowing in feces, every building is heated and air conditioned and each group has constant access to outdoor runs. The whelping area and the nursery are spotless and puppies are handled daily. At 6 weeks puppies are separated to be socialized.</p> <p>I am also including contact phone numbers for men who are inspectors of this facility and am asking you to contact them personally and have a chat with them. I have also included the American Kennel Club contact person for Gov't policy and her assistants number, just in case.</p> <p>Also included in this email is the contact information for Jeff Jones who is the Kansas state Animal Facilities Inspection Program manager. He too would like to converse with you regarding Sharon Munk and her kennel. His number is []. Here is the info for Marcus Bach, Director of Investigation and Inspections for AKC. His cell is []. American Kennel Club inspector Pete Wannamaker [] would love to chat about the quality of BJS. Sheila Goffe [] Current American Kennel Club Vice President of Government affairs. Jennifer Clark [] Assistant to Sheila</p> <p>Jeff Jones Animal Facilities Inspection Program Manager Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health Manhattan, KS 66502 www.agriculture.ks.gov/AFI</p> <p>Hi Jack:</p> <p>Here are pictures. The name of the building should be the file name. If not let me know and I can tell you what is what. Use them how you see fit.</p> <p>Also in the puppy room of the Bassinet, make sure you zoom in on the gray trays that separate the top from the bottom and the bottom from the floor. We have newspaper in those trays for</p>	<i>Opposes ordinance</i>
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			<p>the momma dogs and puppies to poop and pee on and we clean them daily and put fresh new newspaper down. It absolutely flabbergast me how many people think stacked kennels are atrocious because the top gets to defecate all over the ones underneath. Why oh why would we allow that. Just blows my mind.</p> <p>And the cords go to heat pads to keep the puppies warm.</p> <p>Sara</p> <p><i>Images attached (see pages 538 -542). Comment from: Jack Munro</i></p>	

57	4/29/2019	91 different names	<p><i>Full scanned petition and associated comments attached (see page 543-624). Names:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>John Mueller, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 2. <i>Elizabeth Mueller, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 3. <i>Melinda St. John, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 4. <i>Eric Lagergren, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 5. <i>Wiley Yee, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 6. <i>Diane Bishop, 98359 (Olalla, WA)</i> 7. <i>Pam Flaman, 98346 (Kingston, WA)</i> 8. <i>David N. Reckner, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 9. <i>Trina Hauge, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 10. <i>Kat Brabant, 98311 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 11. <i>Patti Dusbabeh, 98110 (Bainbridge Island, WA)</i> 12. <i>Naomi-lynn Miller, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 13. <i>Nabbi Bales, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 14. <i>Caylee Conner, 98311 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 15. <i>Kaseem Bell, 98311 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 16. <i>Maycon Honeu, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 17. <i>Savannah Shan, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 18. <i>Alyssa Siddali, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 19. <i>Scott Greer, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 20. <i>Molly Oien, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 21. <i>Rob Mitchell, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 22. <i>Mae Olsen, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 23. <i>Alysa Blosssey, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 24. <i>Samantha Hengst, 98311 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 25. <i>Janet Lewis, 98366 (Port Orchard, WA)</i> 26. <i>Kenneth Smith, 98370 (Poulsbo, WA)</i> 27. <i>Smit Templeton, 98312 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 28. <i>Josh McKinnis, 98337 (Bremerton, WA)</i> 29. <i>May Willhelm, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 30. <i>Kimberly Hess, 98315 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 31. <i>Andrea Deye, 98325 (Chimacum, WA)</i> 32. <i>Jennifer Lawhead, 98383 (Silverdale, WA)</i> 33. <i>Phillip Pitts, 98370 (Poulsbo, WA)</i> 	<p><i>Opposes ordinance, Across America template</i></p>
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