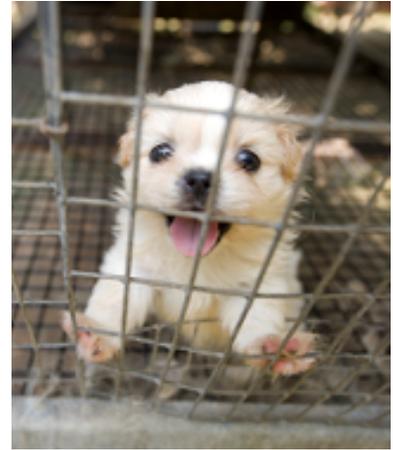


## Support a Humane Pet Store Ordinance in Blaine

The city of Blaine is considering adoption of a humane pet store ordinance to stop the sale of puppy mill puppies and kittens in pet stores. By going humane, Blaine will help end puppy mill cruelty and prevent consumer heartache that can result from purchasing a sick or behaviorally challenged pet from a pet store.

The puppy mills to pet store pipeline is well-documented. Only one of Blaine's six pet stores is part of this pipeline. The other stores adhere to a humane model that doesn't rely on the sale of puppies and kittens from inhumane sources but instead focuses on pet products and services. This ordinance is needed so all stores in Blaine follow a humane model.



### Blaine residents - speak up!

- If you live in Blaine, contact your specific Blaine city council member or email the Blaine City Council at [citycouncil@blainemn.gov](mailto:citycouncil@blainemn.gov) (Need to find your council member? Go to website below.)
- It's important to customize your email or letter. Please include in your message:
  - your name and address
  - your opposition to puppy mills and the link to pet stores; and personal story if you have one
  - support of a humane pet store ordinance in the city of Blaine
  - KEY: Ask their support of the humane pet store ordinance and the protection of these animals.

### FAQs

**What are puppy and kitten mills?** Puppy and kitten mills are inhumane commercial breeding facilities that disregard the health and well-being of the animals to maintain a low overhead and increase profits. The focus of such facilities is the mass production of animals for re-sale to pet stores and online brokers.

**How does the ordinance work?** The ordinance would prohibit pet stores from selling dogs and cats while allowing stores to host adoption events with animal shelters and rescues.

**Will it impact the store's business?** A humane pet store ordinance is business-friendly. The majority of pet stores in Blaine and across the country have adopted a humane business model where they do not sell dogs and cats. Instead, these stores make money from selling supplies and services — protecting animals and consumers.

**What do national breed clubs think about this?** 96% of National Breed Clubs include statements that their breeders should not and/or do not sell to pet stores. It is only those breeders with something to hide that rely on pet stores to sell their puppies.

**How many places have humane pet store laws?** Six states and over 443 localities across the country, including Roseville, Eden Prairie, St. Paul, Carver, and Cloquet in Minnesota, have passed humane pet store laws.

**The supporters?** Residents of Blaine; hometown hockey hero David Backes and wife Kelly; Animal Folks; Animal Humane Society; Animal Rights Coalition; Humane Society of the United States; Minnesotans Against Puppy Mills.