Committee Members,

I urge you to support HB 4045 which would require pet stores in Oregon to only sell dogs received from rescue organizations, animal shelters, humane societies, dog control districts, or nonprofit corporations that provide rescue services. Dogs who end up in these types of shelters are frequently forgotten and overlooked when prospective pet owners set out to get a new or additional pet, for the ease and convenience of "just going to the store"

The number of pets in need of homes far outnumber available placements, this bill would greatly help the issue of pet overpopulation and over breeding we currently see in towns and cities all across the State.

I also urge your support for the amendment to add cats to this bill as well.

Thank you. Becky Lemler