

Nature's Pet

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Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly,

My name is Alan Wetaz and I own Nature's Pet Market in McMinnville, Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 2804 to prohibit pet stores from sourcing from commercial breeders who have no regard for the health and well-being of their breeding dogs and cats or their offspring. I support this bill, and hope you will too, because it promotes animal welfare and adoption of homeless animals and will create a more humane pet market in Oregon.

My store in McMinnville is a great example of a successful, humane pet store. Rather than selling animals, we with Homeward Bound Pets, a local shelter in McMinnville, to showcase cats and kittens for adoption. This partnership helps the shelter conserve resources and drives customers interested in a new furry family member into my store. This rescue model is followed by all Nature's Pet franchisees, of which there are over a dozen in OR.

Aside from our rescue work, we offer dog grooming in-store and regularly host the Oregon Mobile Veterinary Services van. We strive to better the lives of pets and their owners through proper education, exceptional service, all-natural products, and green business practices. We carry only healthy, natural and affordable pet food because we believe the closer you get to your pet's natural diet, the healthier they will be during their lifetime.

It is telling that the vast majority of pet stores in Oregon refuse to work with commercial breeding facilities. This outdated business model is on its last legs and I know that myself, and the fellow animal-loving Oregonians that visit my store daily, would be happy to see commercial breeding come to an end. Please support HB 2804 to proudly place Oregon on the right side of this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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