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Pet stores are not the venue for purchasing a puppy. They generally source from puppy mills, where pups are bred and raised in inhumane and often unsanitary conditions, born to mothers who are bred way to often for their own or their pups' health. Personnel in pet stores frequently lack the experience to handle too-young pups appropriately - pups who are too often sick and much too young to be removed from their mothers. The pet store doesn't vet prospective owners, as any responsible breeder does, so the pups may be going to inappropriate households, and the new owners frequently get sick pups who require expensive veterinary treatment when they have been assured they're getting a healthy pup.

There are massive opportunities for pet stores to make attractive profits - food, bedding, leashes, treats, seasonal costumes, toys - and pet owners (including this one) spend plenty of money on pets.

There is no need for pet stores to sell pups, many reasons for them not selling them, so I urge you to pass this bill and codify it into law.

Thank you