

## **A2338/S3041: The Puppy Mill Sales Bill**

**This bill will NOT harm current businesses following the law and has been crafted to protect consumers. This bill does not affect most hobby breeders.**

- **Expands the Pet Purchase Protection Act (PPPA) so that all pet dealers are regulated, not just pet stores**
- All consumer protection measures of PPPA remain
- Prevents pet dealers from sourcing from unlicensed breeders, and breeders with 3 or more Animal Welfare Act (AWA) violations during the previous 3 years
- Requires pet dealers to report breeder information, including USDA inspection reports, to Consumer Affairs
- **Prohibits any pet dealer, including a NJ pet store, who has violated the sourcing requirements three times from selling in the state**
- Bans outdoor sales of dogs and cats (exempting shelters, rescues)
- **Requires rescues to be licensed and adhere to current regulations for shelters, and prohibits rescues from obtaining dogs from commercial breeders for compensation**



### **Who is regulated?**

Person selling more than 10 dogs or cats to NJ consumers per year for profit, including pet stores and internet sellers. Shelters, rescues, and service, guide, and search and rescue dog sellers are exempt.

### **How will small, responsible breeders be impacted?**

Breeders who sell less than 10 dogs per year in NJ are not impacted, nor are breeders who do not profit from animal sales. Breeders who sell directly to the public and are not required to be licensed by the USDA are exempt from the USDA licensure requirement. Thus, this bill does not affect most hobby breeders, and those that are will only need to adhere to the once-per-year reporting requirement to the state.

### **From where can existing pet stores and other pet dealers obtain dogs and cats?**

Pet dealers can source from USDA-licensed brokers and/or breeders without three Animal Welfare Act violations during the previous 3 years.

### **How will S3041 be enforced?**

All pet dealers, including pet shops, would have to submit each year to Consumer Affairs all breeder and broker information, including USDA inspection reports. Also, pet shops must post breeder information, including USDA license number and inspection reports, on each cage for each puppy. Consumer Affairs will maintain a webpage displaying the inspection reports of those breeders sourced by NJ's pet stores.

### **How many puppy mills will be impacted?**

Out of an estimated 10,000 puppy mills, only the nearly 2000 that are licensed by the USDA would be able to sell to NJ consumers. Of those 2000 licensed puppy mills, an estimated 600 would not be able to sell to NJ consumers based on violations in their inspection reports. Thus, thousands of the worst puppy mills- those that are unregulated or have serious violations- would no longer be able to sell to NJ consumers.