

SUPPORT HB 870/SB 1989

The 7 largest
pet retail chains
do not sell
dogs & cats.

Only 4% of
people
purchase pets
from a pet
store.

NECESSARY REFORMS TO THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS & CATS

Retail pet stores sell a tremendous number of dogs and cats, typically sourcing them from out-of-state puppy mills. These puppies and kittens are shipped in tight quarters over hundreds of miles before arriving at a store for sale—often arriving dehydrated and sick, having been infected by any number of diseases, such as *Campylobacter* and *Giardia*. Unsuspecting Texans buy these animals, become attached, and are soon faced with crushing vet bills and the potential death of their new pet.

WHAT THE BILL DOES:



Limits sources for the retail sale of cats and dogs to animal control agencies, animal shelters, and animal rescue organizations. Such organizations provide proper care and keep records for all animals before they are placed in the care of their new owner.



Only impacts counties with a population of 200,000 or more—the issues we see most with this are in urban/suburban areas of the state. Additionally, smaller counties may not have the shelter or rescue resources needed to supply retail pet stores.



Requires full public information on the source of dogs and cats for sale for consumer transparency and protection in the case of “lemon pet” issue.

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