



## From the desk of Carl Howard

2/6/2021

submitted via email as public comment for 2/9/2021

Mr. Mayor and Commissioners,

I have been a volunteer helping homeless pets in Orange County as my schedule allows since 2016. I can tell you from personal experience that there are thousands of friendly dogs and cats in shelters in Orange County – many of which wind up euthanized. Orange County spends enormous resources helping control the animal population and at the same time provide adoptable animals to families. This happens while you also allow retail pet sales, an enterprise which notoriously promotes the mistreatment of those same animals they purport to care about at the retail sales counter. It has been shown time and time again that the permissibility of retail animal sales promotes the mistreatment of animals.

Further, the adoption of an Orange County Animal Services pet comes with educational opportunities, health screenings, sterilization, microchipping, and other resources that promote the humane treatment of animals. These resources are not required or even present, so far as I have seen, at the retail dog and cat stores. Residents of Orange County need your leadership to encourage them to do the right thing by avoiding retail transactions of animals and adoption of homeless animals. I truly believe that, if those walking into a store to buy a cat or dog could see the way many of those animals and their parents were treated, they would be horrified.

I encourage you to consider carefully the disconnect between the benefits of a public animal shelter and the competing benefits of allowing dog and cat retail sales. It seems inconsistent at best—and I encourage you to educate yourselves further on the animal and public detriment of retail cat and dog sales.

With respect, I remain,

Dr. Carl Howard, Ed.D.

Suggested reading:

Idzikowski, L. (Ed.). (2018). *Ethical Pet Ownership: Puppy Mills, Rescue Pets, and Exotic Animal Trade*. Greenhaven Publishing LLC.

Kenny, K. (2011). A local approach to a national problem: Local ordinances as a means of curbing puppy mill production and pet overpopulation. *Alb. L. Rev.*, 75, 379.

Kress, R. (2018). *The Doggie in the Window: How One Dog Led Me from the Pet Store to the Factory Farm to Uncover the Truth of where Puppies Really Come from*. Sourcebooks, Inc..

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Statement before the Orange County Commissioners regarding proposal for Humane Pet Store Ordinance. February 9, 2021

By Dr. Michelle Dally, JD, DVM

I am a graduate of Colorado State University School of Veterinary medicine and practiced for 7 years in a rural ranching community in SW Colorado. I am a mixed animal veterinarian which means that saw both small and large animals. I also served as the medical director, shelter veterinarian and surgeon for the local animal shelter that served three counties.

Any good rancher will tell you that good breeding stock is worth its weight in gold. Healthy, thriving animals – be they for meat, milk or companionship come from healthy, thriving parents. When you work for Ranchers, you learn quickly that genetically transmitted issues are stopped at the source. Animals with poor confirmation, genetic illnesses and conditions are never bred. It just isn't done.

The shelter that I served as veterinarian for served a tricounty community whose population ballooned in the summer due to tourism.(rom about 2,000 to 14,000) As a result, we could often offer space to national rescues who needed places that could take the time and treat, socialize and train otherwise unplaceable animals.

And so we took in a LOT of cast off "breeding stock" of puppy mills. We worked with a nonprofit called the national puppy mill rescue who drove from major operation to major operation and took animals that the mills would have otherwise euthanized as they no longer could produce puppies in rapid succession.

Let me tell you about this breeding stock:

The most cases of entropion (inverted eyelids that scrape at the sclera of the orbit), intervertebral disc diseases, patella luxation, epilepsy, hip dysplasia and overall poor confirmation ) in a single population that I have every seen. Each and every one of those issues is GENETIC. PASSED ON to the puppies that are transported for retail sale. Passed on to the unsuspecting consumer that won't know anything until their animal suddenly can't walk, can't see, or has a seizure. Treatments for these issues are not cheap. And a family that has fallen in love with a pet – has stretched their budget to be able to buy that puppy – is suddenly faced with thousands of dollars in vet bills.

Another issue with breeding stock – you feed them your best food, keep them clean and warm, and free from disease. Again, ask a rancher. Garbage in, garbage out.

Well these puppy mill breeding stock rescues were invariably full of worms, covered in sores, with matted hair and often maggots living in their open wounds. Their teeth were worn to the nubs due to chewing on the bars of their cage, or infected and loose in their heads. They could barely eat. Their ears were infected, their teats fibrotic from constant chewing and or infection and they were emaciated. When your belly is full of worms, even if you eat the best nutrients there are, the worms get fat and you get thin. We know what happens to human babies that are born to mothers who were *malnourished*. The same is true for puppies and kittens.

Pet stores sell puppies raised in puppy mills. Period. It is a consumer protection issue as much as it is an ethical treatment of animal issue. Protect your voting citizens by ending the retail sale of pets in pet stores.

Questions are welcome.

Michelle Dally, JD, DVM

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<b>Today's Date:</b> 02/07/2021	<b>Requested Board Date:</b> 02/09/2021 ✓
<b>Speaker Name:</b> Dr Michelle Dally, JD, DVM L	<b>Phone:</b> (970) 318-0897
<b>Address:</b> 3680 Leghorn Rd Malabar, FL 32950	<b>Email:</b> dallydvm@gmail.com
<b>Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):</b> None	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Same as above	
<b>Subject:</b> Regarding retail sale of pets.	
<b>Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at public comment?</b> No	
<b>Please indicate if you have a translator and need additional time to allow for translation in order to provide public comment.</b> No	
<b>Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111.</b>	
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<b>Today's Date:</b> 02/06/2021	<b>Requested Board Date:</b> 02/09/2021
<b>Speaker Name:</b> Lisa Franchina	<b>Phone:</b> (407) 443-0889
<b>Address:</b> 10501 Stone Glen Drive Orlando, FL 32825	<b>Email:</b> lisa@franchinalaw.com
<b>Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):</b>	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Lisa Franchina	
<b>Subject:</b> Ordinance prohibiting the retail sale of dogs and cats	
<b>Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at public comment?</b> No	
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<b>Today's Date:</b> 02/08/2021	<b>Requested Board Date:</b> 02/09/2021
<b>Speaker Name:</b> Carla Wilson	<b>Phone:</b> (407) 968-2400
<b>Address:</b> 702 Heather Lane Winter Springs, Florida 32708	<b>Email:</b> carlawilson7089@gmail.com
<b>Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):</b>	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Carla Wilson	
<b>Subject:</b> Retail pet sales ban	
<b>Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at public comment?</b> No	
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<b>Speaker Name:</b> Bryan Wilson	<b>Phone:</b> (407) 619-6005
<b>Address:</b> 702 Heather Lane Winter Springs, Florida 32708	<b>Email:</b> bwilson32708@gmail.com
<b>Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):</b>	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Bryan Wilson	
<b>Subject:</b> Retail pet sales ban	
<b>Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at public comment?</b> No	
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<b>Speaker Name:</b> Kate MacFall	<b>Phone:</b> (850) 508-1001
<b>Address:</b> 1206 Walton Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312	<b>Email:</b> kmacfall@humanesociety.org
<b>Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):</b>	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Kate MacFall	
<b>Subject:</b> Ordinance pertaining to the retail sale of cats and dogs	
<b>Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at public comment?</b> No	
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TODAY'S DATE: 2/9/2021	REQUESTED BOARD DATE: 2/9/2021
NAME: Ben Hoofnagle Ben Hoofnagle	PHONE (optional):
ADDRESS: 12121 shadowbrook Lane	EMAIL (optional):
CITY, STATE & ZIP: Orlando, FL 32828	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THIS MATTER (NAME/DEPARTMENT): None	
SUBJECT (ATTACH ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND MATERIALS): Public comment on Humane pet sales	
Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to the topic you are appearing and speaking about at today's public comment? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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SIGNATURE:

*Ben Hoofnagle*

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TODAY'S DATE: 2-9-21	REQUESTED BOARD DATE: 2-9-21
NAME: Michael Kraft	PHONE (optional): 407-446-4814
ADDRESS: 1005 Moss Hart Ln.	EMAIL (optional): Michael.Kraft86@gmail.com
CITY, STATE & ZIP: Orlando, FL 32825	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THIS MATTER (NAME/DEPARTMENT): N/A	
SUBJECT (ATTACH ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND MATERIALS): <u>Humane Society — Humane Pet Store Ordinance</u>	
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SIGNATURE: Michael Kraft

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TODAY'S DATE: 2/9/2021	REQUESTED BOARD DATE: 2/9/21
NAME: Riley Savers	PHONE (optional):
ADDRESS: 2174 Glossy Privet Drive	EMAIL (optional):
CITY, STATE & ZIP: Orlando, FL 32828	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THIS MATTER (NAME/DEPARTMENT):	
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SIGNATURE: Riley Savers

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TODAY'S DATE: 2/9/2021	REQUESTED BOARD DATE: 2/9/21
NAME: Mariangel Ayala A-Allo A-Uhluw	PHONE (optional):
ADDRESS: 1402 O Berry Hoover Rd 32825	EMAIL (optional): mariangel.ayala09@gmail.com
CITY, STATE & ZIP: Orlando, FL 32825	
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THIS MATTER (NAME/DEPARTMENT):	
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Public Hearing # (Please refer to the Hearing # in Public Hearings section above)	First & Last Name	Email	Subject To Be Addressed	Action	Compensation	Please select from the following options which role best describes your Virtual Participation
4   2021-1-A-2-1 and 2021-1-B-FLU	Timothy Green	TGREEN@GREENCONSULTINGGROUP.COM	The Parks of Mt Dora LLC	FOR	YES	An Applicant
2   PSP-17-12-385	Robert Moon	rmoon@kpmfranklin.com	I am the applicant and will be available to respond to any questions or comments from the board or public.	FOR	NO	An Applicant
3   CDR - 20-09-264	Brad Canon	bcanon@venterralliving.com	Substantial Change Applicant: Brent Lenzen, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Case Name: Signature Lakes Planned Development /Land Use Plan	FOR	NO	An Applicant
10   10 - Zoning Ordinance	Steven Thorp	steven.thorp@ocps.net	School Signs	FOR	NO	Member of the Public
7   2021-1A-3-1	Brent Lenzen	brent.lenzen@kimley-horn.com	Speaking on Behalf of Applicant	FOR	NO	Speaking On Behalf Of The Applicant
3   CDR - 20-09-264	Brent Lenzen	brent.lenzen@kimley-horn.com	Applicant for the Project, available to answer any questions.	FOR	NO	An Applicant