

From: [Kierstyn Block](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Matthews, Julia](#)
Subject: In support of ordinance prohibiting the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:22:07 PM

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Dear members,

As a resident of Madison, I'm writing in support of Item 11 – Legistar File No. 90423 – prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores. As you know, Madison is a pet-loving city and this commonsense ordinance will protect both residents and visitors. I kindly ask for your support in passing this ordinance without delay!

Thank you!

Kierstyn Block
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District 12

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From: [Michelle Boening](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Banning the sale of animals
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100% support!! Thank you!!

From: [Olivia Poelmann](#)
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Subject: Item 11 - Animal Sales
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To whom it may concern,
I greatly support the ban on not only cats and dogs, but other species including guinea pigs and domestic rabbits. Working in rescue I have pulled both guinea pigs and rabbits out of deplorable conditions, spent hours in the woods and neighborhoods trying to capture them, and I have seen the horrible sight of what happens when I am too late. Small mammal dumping is at an all time high and rescues and shelters are at max capacity with little to no resources. The first step in triaging this problem is banning the sale in pet stores who frequently source their animals from unethical breeders. Please take a stance and have empathy for these small animals many of us love and adore, and no longer wish to see suffer.
Best,
Olivia Poelmann

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Subject: t: In support of Ordinance (90423) – Item 11 on tonight’s agenda
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As a Madison resident, I’m reaching out to voice my support for Item 11 on tonight’s agenda. Ordinance 90423, which would prevent the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores, is a logical and overdue step for our community. I’m honestly surprised it hasn’t happened sooner. Let’s move Madison in line with the many cities nationwide that have already rejected the “puppy in the window” model and taken a stand for more responsible practices.

Karen Seibel

District 1

From: [Michael Zenz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support item 11 (Legistar 90423) Duncan Alternate Nov. 25 CC
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Dear Council,

I am writing in support of the Duncan Alternate for Nov. 25 Common Council Item 11 (Legistar 90423), and in particular the addition of rabbits to the list of regulated animals. I often volunteer with the Wisconsin House Rabbit Society rescue and have frequently seen how inhumane the treatment of rabbits in pet stores can be after unsold or mistreated ones end up at the rescue.

In pet stores rabbits are often put on display in the middle of large rooms in tiny cages, with no place to hide and very little room to walk (two things that rabbits require). They are also often fed an inappropriate diet that makes them susceptible to possibly deadly gastrointestinal problems. Pet stores also support an inhumane breeding industry that typically kills or dumps large numbers of rabbits that they cannot sell. The results are fearful and/sick animals that will never be sold because they aren't "friendly", but pet stores are able to acquire these animals so cheaply that "waste" hardly impacts their profitability.

There is no reason for anyone in Madison to buy a rabbit at a pet store, because there are many available through Petfinder.com from local rescues like the Wisconsin House Rabbit Society (<https://wisconsinhrs.org/>).

Please prevent this animal abuse from happening in Madison.

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