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Hello-

I attached a letter submitted on behalf of Alliance for Animals in Support of Madison Ordinance 68608. I hope you will consider our position at the Board of Health meeting on August 3, 2022 as well as any future consideration of the ordinance. Please do not hesitate to reach out as I would be happy to discuss this issue further.

Thank you,

Kristin

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July 27, 2022

Sent via electronic mail

Board of Health for City of Madison and Dane County
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., #507
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Support of Proposed Madison Ordinance 68608

Dear Board Members and Chair:

I am writing in support of proposed Madison ordinance 68608, which would ban commercial breeding and selling cats and dogs for experimentation in Madison, Wisconsin. Conditions in commercial breeding facilities that produce cats and dogs for experimentation are inhumane and cruel. These are not the type of businesses that Madison should embrace. Notably, there are no commercial breeding operations currently in Madison, Wisconsin. Therefore, this ordinance would not impact current businesses.

I would like to emphasize that this ordinance will not impact livestock or animal research on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus because it does not address livestock or research. It merely bans breeding and selling of cats and dogs at the commercial level for purposes of experimentation. The proposed ordinance is narrowly written and focuses on commercial breeding operations; it does *not* prevent or ban experimentation. Furthermore, the University of Wisconsin and all state employees are exempt from the ordinance.

Numerous municipalities and local governments – including Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Spring Green, Richland Center, Little Chute, Kimberly, and Combined Locks – have passed similar bans on commercial breeding operations. Madison should follow suit.

In addition to the cruel conditions and suffering the animals endure at commercial breeding facilities, the need for them is unnecessary. Scientific advancements have paved the way for more efficient and effective forms of research. Madison should be the next local government to ban commercial breeding operations.

Alliance for Animals was formed in 1983 and has been advocating for animals ever since. Based in Madison, Wisconsin, our organization is hopeful that you will support ordinance 68608 in our hometown.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns as I would be happy to discuss this issue further. I can personally be reached at (414) 708-6042 or alliance@allanimals.org.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Schrank
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From: [Aysha Akhtar](#)
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Chairman Jerry Halverson
Members of Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 507
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Dr. Halverson and Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County:

I am a double board-certified neurologist who has served in the US Army as well as in the Food and Drug Administration, most recently in the office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats. My work has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *Lancet*, *Pediatrics*, *Journal of Public Health Policy* and *Reviews in the Neurosciences*. Currently, I serve as the cofounder and CEO of the Center for Contemporary Sciences, a scientific organization that helps replace ineffective animal testing with methods that are more reliable and predictive and that focus on human biology.

I write today to urge you to support the proposed Madison ordinance (68608) prohibiting commercial dog and cat breeding facilities in your beautiful city.

As a scientist, a medical doctor, and an expert in public health, I believe that research is a vital part of curing diseases and opening up new levels of discovery and knowledge. I can also tell you that the future of experimentation, and increasingly its present, does not involve research on animals. Human biology-based methods offer a more effective way to understand the diseases that afflict us. And they enable researchers to predict how a human may respond to medicines and chemicals with far greater accuracy than animal tests. The outcome is better treatments, therapies and cures. Given that, commercial breeding operations, where hundreds and sometimes thousands of dogs and puppies are caged 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in crowded conditions with their veterinary needs neglected, are outdated. This commonsense ordinance will not hinder or eliminate lifesaving medical research, despite the overblown claims of its opponents. What it will do is prohibit, in Madison, an industry whose practices are both inhumane and incompatible with what is necessary to advance medical science.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aysha Akhtar, M.D., M.P.H

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The [Center for Contemporary Sciences](#) is saving and improving lives by catalyzing the world's transition to human-specific medical research.



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Subject: Madison Ordinance Banning Commercial Breeding and Selling of Dogs and Cats for Experimentation
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Good Day,

We are reaching out to you to comment on the above referenced Madison Ordinance.

Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies, Inc has been serving the interests of animals and the people of the State of Wisconsin since 1927. We are one of the oldest humane federations in the United States. Our home office is located in the City of Madison.

The issue of using animals in the many and various forms of research and experimentation is widely contentious. New technology is constantly emerging that makes the often painful and sometimes deadly use of animals in research obsolete. Using live animals in research is far more expensive, time consuming, and resource wasting than newer models. Often, live animals do not produce accurate results across species. Producing more animals for experimentation, when non-animal research is trending, expanding and producing more reliable results, simply does not make sense.

That said, we strongly support the proposed ordinance that would, in Madison, ban the breeding and selling of dogs and cats for use in experimentation. These mass breeding facilities are not in the best interests of the animals or of the community. Our experience has been that animals suffer in these facilities and that alone is reason enough for us to oppose them. It is difficult to staff these types of operations which exacerbates the cruelty.

We respectfully ask that you support the proposed Madison Ordinance Banning Commercial Breeding and Selling of Dogs and Cats for Experimentation.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Letter of Opposition to 68608
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Dear Dr. Halverson,

Please see my attached letter of opposition to the revised proposed ordinance 68608—Prohibiting Commercial Selling of Dogs or Cats for Experimentation.

Sincerely,

Lisa



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May 24, 2022

VIA EMAIL TO: Jhalversonmdphmdc@gmail.com

Members of the Board of Health
c/o Dr. Jerry L. Halverson, Chair
Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

RE: Reject Revised Proposed Ordinance 68608 -- Prohibiting Commercial Selling of Dogs or Cats for Experimentation

Dear Dr. Halverson and Members of the Board of Health:

On behalf of BioForward and Wisconsin's biohealth industry, I write to once again ask that you reject proposed ordinance 68608, which has now been amended and is entitled, "Prohibiting Commercial Selling or Dogs or Cats for Experimentation." We understand that the author is amending this proposal to try to resolve opposition, but **this proposal continues to threaten the development of live-saving medication, therapies and medical devices from our local Madison and Dane County biohealth researchers and companies.**

BioForward is the collective voice of Wisconsin's biohealth industry. Our mission is to represent Wisconsin biohealth companies and to unite the industry to develop integrated health solutions that define the future of healthcare. Our membership includes an integrated network of more than 200 health solution leaders from across Wisconsin including research institutions, biotech & biopharma, digital health, medical device & diagnostics, healthcare systems and operational support organizations. We believe that this proposed ordinance is a City of Madison proposal, it would affect research and development across our region.

The use of research animals is heavily regulated by federal law. The federal Animal Welfare Act, originally passed in 1966, sets the standards for handling, housing, transporting, feeding, veterinary care and the use of pain-relieving drugs in animals for research. Similarly, the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 publishes the procedures that researchers must follow when using animals for research. Through these two laws, virtually all animal research is overseen by a local review committee known as an "institutional animal care and use committee." In short, the laws and regulations overseeing the use of animals for research are thorough and comprehensive. They are also consistent across the United States allowing for researchers to maintain consistent protocols throughout collaborative efforts.

Animal testing is required before a drug can be approved by the FDA for use in humans. The Federal Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) exists to ensure that drugs that are marketed in the United States are safe and effective. CDER is responsible for the review and approval of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. A critical step before a new or investigational drug is tested in humans is to test the drug using highly regulated animal studies. These animal studies cannot be replaced or bypassed. Drug development does not and should not go directly from the

lab to a human subject for testing. To do so would not only pose legal but also serious moral risks. The animal trial step is critical but importantly, researchers make every effort to use as few animals as possible and ensure their humane treatment and proper care. Animal trials are critical to the development of safe and effective human drugs and treatments. Without them, innovation and new drug development could come to a halt.

Eliminating any aspect of animal research presents significant costs to human health.

There are significant potential costs to society and human health if this type of an ordinance were enacted. This ordinance could slow research not only in Madison and Dane County, but across our region by limiting the animals that are available for ongoing clinical trials. As such, this ordinance could cause human health to suffer because new treatments for cancer, autoimmune diseases, mental health treatments, heart disease and the development of new antibiotics and vaccines could be delayed or prevented. As we collectively face the ongoing challenge of a global pandemic, we urge you to avoid any regulation that could impose a local limit that could affect innovation.

Piecemeal regulations create dangerous inconsistencies. One of the keys to the safe, effective, and efficient development of drugs, therapies, medical devices, and other treatments to improve human health is consistency in regulation and in the approval processes. If we allowed local or state governments to each develop their own protocols, we would have a mess of inconsistent and potentially dangerous regulations that could put human health at risk. The federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is the most extensive law of its kind in the world. It is designed to ensure that drugs and devices are safe and effective for their intended uses. The expertise underlying the development of this law and its corresponding regulations cannot and should not be replaced by the judgement of local policymakers.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you immediately reject this proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,



Lisa Johnson, CEO

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[WVMA Ltr City of Madison Ordinance - April 2022.pdf](#)
[AVMA City of Madison Animal Research Ordinance Response Letter.pdf](#)

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Chairman Halverson and Members of the Board of Health:

Attached please find comments from the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) expressing opposition to Proposed Ordinance #68608.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lamb

cc. Jo-ell Carson, Executive Director, WVMA

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April 26, 2022

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Members of the Board of Health
c/o Dr. Jerry L. Halverson, Chair
Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

**RE: Reject Proposed Ordinance 68608 - Prohibiting Breeding and Selling
Animals for Research**

Dear Dr. Halverson and Members of the Board of Health:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) and Wisconsin's veterinarians and veterinary professionals, I write to ask that you reject proposed ordinance 68608, prohibiting the breeding and selling of animals for research purposes in the City of Madison. This ordinance will have a dramatic effect on the lifesaving research done in the City of Madison related to human health from existing disease and from the increasing threat to human health posed by emerging zoonotic diseases. I have enclosed a letter from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) expressing their opposition to this ordinance, as well.

The WVMA represents licensed veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary clinic professionals from across the State of Wisconsin. Our mission is to advocate and promote veterinary medicine, while enriching animal and human health. To accomplish this mission, WVMA members lead with four guiding principles: integrity, compassion, community, and well-being.

The WVMA recognizes that the use of animals in research and safety testing is critical to both human and animal health. We also recognize that caring for animals used in these settings comes with compliance with complex federal laws, institutional guidelines, and an extremely high level of ethical responsibilities.

The use of animals for research is highly regulated under federal laws and is overseen by specially trained research veterinarians. Research veterinarians typically receive intense advanced training including masters or doctorate degrees after their DVM degree. They can serve as principal investigators or members of collaborative research teams, and they are a critical part of the biohealth research that leads to innovation in animal and human health.

Integrity
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Specifically, research veterinarians "...support the medical care and health of laboratory animals, promote animal well-being and humane care of laboratory animals, maintain barrier conditions against diseases to improve laboratory research, conduct collaborative research, provide technical instruction to scientists, monitor compliance with state and federal regulations, and serve on institutional animal research review panels. Veterinary and medical pathologists (that specialize in laboratory animal pathology) are central to the diagnosis of spontaneous diseases, understanding the mechanisms of disease induced by experimental procedures, and analyzing the phenotype of spontaneous or induced genetic modifications in animals. When there is a lack of expert pathology support on a research project important information may be misinterpreted or go undiscovered, which reduces the impact of animal-based research."ⁱ These are the professionals who are at work in Madison every day caring for and protecting the well-being of animals in research, which ensures that critical innovation in human and animal health can continue.

As a society, the public expects continued progress and innovation that solves current and emerging human health issues as quickly and as safely as possible. As we emerge from a global pandemic, where the development of fast and effective vaccines was critical to stemming the severity and death from a new virus, we are uniquely aware of the critical role that animal models play in biohealth innovation. "The veterinary profession has a long history of accomplishment in biomedical research and comparative medicine with important contributions to human health. Examples of historical accomplishments in research include demonstration that insects can transmit disease with Texas cattle fever by Smith and Kilbourne in 1893, identification of the first animal virus (foot-and-mouth disease) by Loeffler and Frosch in 1898, discovery of the first leukemia caused by a virus by Ellerman and Bang in 1908, and identification of prions in slow viral disease of scrapie and kuru by Eklund and Hadlow in 1973. In addition, the veterinary profession has demonstrated long-standing leadership in research and discovery in fields such as retrovirology (e.g., HIV research), bacteriology, and hematogenous parasites."ⁱⁱ All of these developments were accomplished through the use of animals in research.

Animal models of human disease are integral to both veterinary and human medicine. It is critical to note as you review this ordinance that animal models necessarily take advantage of a wide range of species including fish, rodents, dogs, and primates. The National Institutes of Health, Office of Research Infrastructure Program, Division of Comparative Medicine specifically supports the development of animal models through the creation of models of human disease using animals and cultured cells.ⁱⁱⁱ This level of infrastructure and care not only reveals the importance of animal models, but also the care and oversight that is already in place to ensure that these models are used responsibly.

Given the amount of biohealth innovation and cutting-edge research that is conducted both at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and in our affiliated private biohealth private sector in the City of Madison, any ordinance that limits or prevents the use of animals in research will negatively impact human and animal health on a global scale.

As such, we respectfully request that you withdraw proposed ordinance 68608 immediately.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ⁱ See Rosol TJ, Moore RM, Saville WJ, et al. The need for veterinarians in biomedical research. *J Vet Med Educ.* 2009;36(1):70-75. doi:10.3138/jyme.36.1.70 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2852242/>

ⁱⁱ See *id.*

ⁱⁱⁱ [Comparative Medicine | Office of Research Infrastructure Programs \(ORIP\) – DPCPSI – NIH](#)



April 26, 2022

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Dr. Jerry L. Halverson, Chair
210 Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard
Room 507
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Dr. Halverson:

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recognizes the critical role animals play in [research](#) and [safety testing](#), which safeguard and support continued improvement of human and animal health and welfare. The use of animals in research is a privilege carrying with it unique professional, scientific, moral, and ethical responsibilities. The AVMA encourages proper care of all animals and supports the judicious use of animals in meaningful scientific research. The use of animals in research is integral to the discipline of [comparative medicine](#), which utilizes similarities and differences in biology among animal species to study and enhance understanding of mechanisms of human and animal disease.

The use of animals in research and safety testing is highly regulated under a complex set of federal and state laws, regulations, guidelines, and institutional policies. Most notable is the Animal Welfare Act and its regulations,¹ which are enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and include requirements for housing, handling, transportation regular veterinary care, the establishment of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, documentation, and annual inspections. The National Institutes of Health – Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare,² has additional rules and regulations for federally funded animal studies, and other federal and state agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration, Veterans Administration, and state departments of agriculture and wildlife services, play roles with respect to specific types of animal research. Alongside these agencies, guidance documents such as the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*,³ and independent voluntary accreditation bodies such as AAALAC International,⁴ provide additional support for ensuring that ethical, sound, and translatable research is conducted and animals' welfare is protected.

Legislation that hinders or overtly blocks the ability to obtain or use animals in research negatively impacts the United States' position as a world leader in scientific research, translational medicine, and technology. Thank you for your time and consideration of the importance of utilizing animals in research.

Sincerely,

Janet D. Donlin, DVM, CAE
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

¹ https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/bluebook-ac-awa.pdf

² <https://olaw.nih.gov/home.htm>

³ <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/guide-for-the-care-and-use-of-laboratory-animals.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.aaalac.org/>

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Dr. Halverson and Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County:
Attached please find a joint letter from six Wisconsin agricultural groups opposing City of
Madison proposed Ordinance 68608.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lamb

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Chairman Jerry Halverson

Members of Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 507

Madison, WI 53703

RE: Wisconsin Agricultural Groups' Opposition to Proposed Ordinance 68608 – Prohibiting Commercial Selling of Dogs or Cats for Experimentation

Dear Dr. Halverson and Members of the Board of Health:

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association, Wisconsin Pork Association, Cooperative Network and Dane County Farm Bureau write jointly to express our **opposition** to proposed ordinance 68608, prohibiting the commercial selling of dogs or cats for experimentation in the City of Madison. If this ordinance is enacted, it will have a chilling effect on livestock and animal research on campus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

We understand that the author has proposed this draft as an amendment to his original proposal in an effort to try to resolve opposition, but this amendment does not resolve our opposition. **This proposal continues to threaten research in the City of Madison and, as such, at the University of Wisconsin.** The use of the word “experimentation” carries negative connotations, but the ordinance actually prohibits animal research. Focusing on two species is a meaningless amendment, as those species may be particularly suited to a current or future human health or animal health research need. Foreclosing that possibility could have dire consequences and be a detriment to advances in science.

Our members are Wisconsin farmers who raise dairy cows, beef cattle, hogs, and other commodities to feed people in Wisconsin and around the world. The University of Wisconsin – Madison is a renowned research institution with a prominent College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. As a public land-grant institution, UW-Madison is founded with the mission to bring science, technology, and the arts to people.

One of the ways that the University meets that mission today is by continuing to directly engage with Wisconsin farmers and sharing the latest research regarding animal health, nutrition, welfare, and genetics with farmers from across the state. Although there may be limited exceptions, the animals that are “bred” on campus are bred for research. These “research animals” provide students with hands-on learning and also provide researchers with the ability to generate improvements in human health, animal health, and livestock and crop production practices across livestock sectors. The University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences houses the following facilities specifically dedicated to animal research and education:

- The **Dairy Cattle Center** is used for both teaching and research. The Dairy Cattle Center houses 84 milking cows in a tie-stall barn. There is a classroom attached to the facility, which allows students to have hands on access to cows during all lab practical sessions. The facility also employs students, providing them with a convenient opportunity to gain practical experience and earn some income while attending classes.

- The **Livestock Laboratory** complements the existing classroom and laboratory activities in the Animal Sciences building and was designed to support teaching and research activities involving cattle, pigs, sheep and goats. This building enables faculty to give students contact with animals and facilitates experimentation which requires animals to be in close proximity to the analytical equipment located in the Animal Sciences building. Unique characteristics of this building include research rooms for livestock species, a surgery room, a neonatal pig room and a flush system for movement of animal wastes. This space has been designed to accommodate multiple species, while satisfying federal requirements for care of animals used in teaching and research.
- The newly constructed **Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery (MSABD)**ⁱ building was constructed to serve as a hub for problem-solvers looking to improve the meat industry, animal and human health, agriculture, the environment, and overall quality of life in Wisconsin, the U.S., and beyond. MSABD leverages the wealth of multidisciplinary expertise found across the UW-Madison campus, from food research and veterinary medicine to pharmacy and public health.
- The **Poultry Research Laboratory** generally houses chickens and a small number of ducks and pheasants. In addition to the animal housing facilities, the building also hosts a classroom, incubation room and feed mixing room.

Further, the **Division of Extension**, housed within the University of Wisconsin-Madison on campus, provides "...timely resources and information to help farmers, consumers, and allied industry to make informed decisions about beef cattle, poultry, sheep and goats, equine, swine, and meat science. There are also resources for youth caring for livestock."ⁱⁱ The Division of Extension's "Farm Ready Research" winter webinar series is just one example of this direct connection between research and current production agriculture.ⁱⁱⁱ

We strongly oppose any ordinance that would prohibit breeding of ANY animals for research within the City of Madison because such an ordinance could prohibit critical research at UW-Madison. If you have questions about these comments and concerns, please contact Jordan Lamb at (608) 252-9358.

Sincerely,

Kevin Krentz, President, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
 Amy Penterman, President, Dairy Business Association
 Brady Zuck, President, Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association
 Christina Meylor, President, Wisconsin Pork Association
 Dan Smith, President and CEO, Cooperative Network
 Tom Jelinek, President, Dane County Farm Bureau

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ⁱ See <https://meatsciences.cals.wisc.edu/>

ⁱⁱ See <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/>

ⁱⁱⁱ See <https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research/>

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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposed Ordinance #68608.

I have a science research background and have worked in academia, private companies and also taught high school biology, chemistry and biotechnology. The main reason I want this proposal banned is due to the many people in my life that have benefitted from, or possibly will benefit from, the scientific discoveries that can only be made by using animals before trying it on humans.

I did a quick online search of just UW- Madison's research that uses animals. This partial list is only from the first of twelve pages, and all within the last year. If you know someone with any of these health issues, you must know that their future health and wellness depends on using animals to make advances in treatment and possible eventual cures. Anyone who takes medication, has surgery or has any other sort of medical intervention must know that these medical treatments are only available to them because animals were first used in finding out how to best deliver that medical care to humans.

Parkinson's Disease (my husband has PD and we follow the research)

<https://news.wisc.edu/individualized-brain-cell-grafts-reverse-parkinsons-symptoms-in-monkeys/>

Metastatic Cancer <https://news.wisc.edu/combining-low-dose-radiotherapy-with-immunotherapy-eradicates-metastatic-cancer-in-mice/>

Heart disease, heart attacks

<https://news.wisc.edu/metabolic-switch-may-regenerate-heart-muscle-following-heart-attack/>

Leukemia <https://news.wisc.edu/mouse-study-may-help-doctors-choose-treatments-for-leukemia-patients/>

Epilepsy <https://news.wisc.edu/seizures-and-memory-problems-in-epilepsy-may-have-a-common-cause/>

COVID-19 and Influenza <https://news.wisc.edu/hamsters-develop-protective-immunity-to-covid-19-and-are-protected-by-convalescent-sera/>

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Anxiety and Mood disorders <https://news.wisc.edu/designer-alterations-to-brain-cells-reduce-anxious-behavior-in-monkeys-hold-promise-for-new-treatments/>

High Cholesterol

<https://news.wisc.edu/combining-mouse-and-human-data-uncovers-new-gene-regulating-cholesterol/>

This list goes on and on. Please understand what you are voting on before you make a decision!

Thank you, Chris Percy
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Madison

From: [Tom Still](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Tech Council statement on Ordinance 68608
Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 4:27:49 PM
Attachments: [Wisconsin Technology Council letterhead statement on City of Madison Ordinance 68608 7-8-22.docx.pdf](#)

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Dear members of the Madison Common Council –
Thank you for considering the attached in your upcoming deliberations.
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Wisconsin Technology Council

TO: Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
FROM: Tom Still, president, Wisconsin Technology Council
RE: Ordinance- #68608 Ban Breeding Animals for Research: “Prohibit commercial selling of cats or dogs for the purpose of experimentation”

Since its inception in 2001, the Wisconsin Technology Council has stood against state and local government restrictions that stand in the way of academic and commercial research. Examples include embryonic stem cell research, fetal tissue research and nanotechnology.

The same holds for Ordinance #68608, which would ban the commercial sale of cats or dogs for experimentation.

The entrepreneurial spirit of any state or community revolves around a level of innovation fueled with public and private support. One way to keep this spirit alive in Wisconsin and Madison is to ensure a proper regulatory environment around research activities. With its strong research foundation embodied in public and private institutions and companies, it is imperative that communities such as Madison maintain a “first, do no harm” approach to restrictions on research. That especially applies to research being conducted for decades under already strenuous federal, university and private rules.

If Ordinance #68608 is adopted, there will be adverse effects on clinical testing facilities, both private and public, in Madison. Some of the very facilities that have prompted breakthroughs in human and animal medical diagnosis and therapies over time would feel those effects. A chilling message would have been delivered: The city of Madison does not understand the importance of continued scientific research in these vital areas.

That message would spread to other states and communities eager to compete for the attention of affected researchers, laboratories and companies. After years of building a vibrant biomedical infrastructure of world renown, a step backward will have been taken.

The Tech Council believes sufficient safeguards are in place to conduct necessary research involving cats and dogs without adding another layer. In summary:

1. The use of research animals is heavily regulated at federal, university and private levels.
2. Animal testing is required before a drug can be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in humans.
3. Eliminating animal research presents significant costs to human health ... as well as the health of animals that also deserve up-to-date research.
4. Further local regulations would cause a ripple effect throughout academic and industry worlds.

Thomas W. Still, president, July 8, 2022

From: [Kelley VanEgeren](#)
To: [Halverson, Jerry](#); Kim.whitmore@wisc.edu; [Phair, Matt](#); [Lankton, Robin](#); [Evers, Tag](#); [All Alders](#); [PH BOH Support](#); [Holly Hatcher](#)
Subject: Ordinance 68608
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 9:47:08 AM

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Dear Dr. Jerry Halverson, Kim Whitmore, Alder Matt Phair, Supervisor Holly Hatcher, Robin Lankton, Alder Tag Evers, All Madison City Alders, Board of Health for Madison and Dane County staff,

I am writing in support of Ordinance 68608 in Madison that would ban the commercial breeding and selling of dogs and cats for experimentation.

Please support this ban when considered at the Board of Health meeting scheduled for August 3, 2022. Thank you,

Kelley Van Egeren

Wild Blue Yonder
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“There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot.” Aldo Leopold

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To: [All Alders](#); [Furman, Keith](#); [Halverson, Jerry](#); [Lankton, Robin](#); [Kim Whitmore](#); [Phair, Matt](#); [Holly Hatcher](#); [PH BOH Support](#)
Cc: [Iverson, Erik](#); [Yasiri Moe, Jeanan](#); [Howe Skoglund, Staci](#); [Adamany, Stephanie](#); [Brenda Gonzalez](#); [Nadine Connor](#); [Benjamin Miller](#); [Lisa Johnson](#); [jkl@dewittllp.com](#)
Subject: Proposed Ordinance 68608 – Prohibiting Commercial Selling of Dogs or Cats for Experimentation
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 5:01:39 PM
Attachments: [20220803 - WARF Letter - City of Madison Ordinance 68608 version 2 \(August 2022\).pdf](#)
[20220217 - WARF Letter - City of Madison Ordinance 68608 \(February 2022\).pdf](#)

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Dear Board of Health Members and Common Council Alders,
On behalf of WARF CEO Erik Iverson, please find attached a new letter from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation regarding the most recent version of proposed ordinance 68608. This letter updates and restates our significant concerns regarding this ordinance, which we first expressed in a prior letter delivered this past February.

(Both our February letter and our current August letter are attached for your consideration.)
Please don't hesitate to reach out to WARF should you need anything further on this or any other issue. Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of Dane County and the City of Madison.
Sincerely,

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Subject: Proposed Ordinance 68608 – Prohibiting Breeding and Selling Animals for Research
Dear City of Madison Alders and Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County,
On behalf of WARF CEO Erik Iverson, please find a letter from the Wisconsin Alumni Research

Foundation expressing our significant concerns about the effect that proposed ordinance 68608 would have on the Madison Area’s research and innovation economy.

Thank you for your continued leadership and consideration of this letter. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to any of us at WARF should you need anything further on this or any other issue.

Best,

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July 29, 2022

Alders of the City of Madison Common Council
c/o Council President Keith Furman
Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
c/o Chair Jerry L. Halverson

RE: Proposed Ordinance 68608 – Prohibiting Commercial Selling of Dogs and Cats
for Experimentation

Via email

Dear Common Council Alders and Board of Health Members:

The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) wrote to you this past February to express our significant and fundamental concerns with proposed ordinance 68608. As the Board and Council prepare to consider a revised version of that ordinance, WARF writes again to reiterate our concerns. Our intent is to ensure that Alders and Board Members are fully aware of how any city or county ordinance attempting to regulate the use of animals in experimental research—regardless of the specific wording—would have considerable, detrimental effects on the biomedical research community, the innovation economy, and the public health infrastructure of Madison, Dane County, and the entire State of Wisconsin.

We have also attached our prior letter, dated February 17, 2022, and direct you there for a full articulation of concerns, all of which we continue to hold. While WARF appreciates the intent behind narrowing the proposed language to only cover “twenty-five dogs or cats within one year,” the negative consequences we outlined in February arise, not from the scope of the proposal, but from the limitations inherent to any attempt to regulate animal research or experimentation through local ordinance.



For 175 years, collaborations between public, private, and nonprofit organizations have made the Madison area a global leader in biomedical innovations that have increased the health and well-being of humans, animals, plants, and our environmental ecosystems. The development of our economy and public health made possible by these innovations has made our community a thriving place to live. Passing this ordinance would threaten that legacy by placing our region at odds with scientific norms.

Below, we include a summarized and updated list of the major reasons behind our concerns:

1. Federal agencies oversee a robust and proven regulatory regime that maintains ethical, effective, and enforceable standards across regions and industries. Local regulations interfere with those purposes and place our region out of step with global best practices and national scientific norms.
2. Implementing any such ordinance would place our region at a disadvantage compared to every other biotechnology and life sciences hub (whether major, midsize, or minor) across the United States. This would turn the public-private biotechnology collaboration from a strength of the Madison region into a weakness.
3. News that Madison and Dane County are considering this ordinance has already caused consternation among the researchers, industry professionals, and investors who drive our area's innovation economy.
4. As a globally respected technology transfer office, WARF can seek out commercial partners anywhere in the world. But we prefer to license our technologies close to home when possible. WARF has ongoing relationships with more than 30 companies in Dane County, many of which would be forced to cease operations or consider locating elsewhere, thus hindering WARF's ability to provide ongoing support to the university research enterprise.
5. The technicality that this ordinance "does not apply" to "State of Wisconsin employees" would do nothing to exempt researchers at private companies, including the more than 400 startups that are either based on the intellectual property of UW-Madison researchers or otherwise directly connected to the work of UW-Madison faculty, students, or staff. NorthStar Analytics concluded that these startups support \$10 billion in annual economic impact to Wisconsin,



more than 42,000 jobs, and \$320 million in annual state and local taxes. A significant portion of these results come from life science or animal health sectors.

6. Employees at UW-affiliated nonprofits are also not state employees and most do not work on state-owned property. That includes staff at WARF, the Morgridge Institute for Research, UW Health, and the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). NorthStar calculated that these affiliates generate \$8.7 billion in annual economic impact, more than 54,000 jobs, and more than \$300 million in annual state and local taxes.

To summarize, the proposed ordinance would drive away needed partnerships in Dane County's growing biotechnology sector, disrupt collaborations, drive out investment, and erect burdensome, unnecessary, and counterproductive barriers between UW-Madison and the thriving city and county communities to which it belongs.

The ordinance also ignores the lessons of Wisconsin's groundbreaking, historic role in the use of animal research to promote the well-being of both humans *and animals* alike. WARF was founded by Dr. Harry Steenbock, who, as an Agricultural Chemistry Professor at UW-Madison in the early 20th century, was part of a research group that studied animals to better understand the fundamental science of nutrition and, in the process, conducted experiments that led to the discovery of vitamins. When developed in collaboration with private industry, the biotechnological innovations of Steenbock and his collaborators helped eradicate deficiency diseases like scurvy, night blindness, and rickets. In addition to working with cattle, rats, and mice, these experiments also used dogs and rabbits. Explaining the necessity of relying on companion animals in his work, Steenbock wrote the following in 1922 to a Bishop in Fond du Lac concerned with the rights of animals:

"I hope you will agree with me that under such conditions, experiments of the type mentioned will in the end bring untold relief to man and beast from the many afflictions to which they are subjected."

We might not use the word "beast" today, but with a century of hindsight, we can confirm that Dr. Steenbock was right. For more than a century, UW-Madison researchers have worked hand in glove with farms, businesses, government



agencies, and philanthropies across Madison, Dane County, and Wisconsin to bring “untold relief” to species of all shapes and sizes.

The Wisconsin Idea holds that the boundaries of campus are the boundaries of state. Put simply, this ordinance runs in direct opposition to that idea. We once again respectfully encourage the Board of Health and the Common Council to drop consideration of this ordinance, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Erik Iverson
Chief Executive Officer

cc. *Common Council Alders:*

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February 17, 2022

Alders of the City of Madison Common Council

c/o Council President Syed Abbas

Members of the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

c/o Chair Jerry L. Halverson

RE: Proposed Ordinance 68608 – Prohibiting Breeding and Selling
Animals for Research

Via email

Dear Common Council Alders and Board of Health Members:

The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) has significant and fundamental concerns with the sweeping implications of proposed ordinance 68608 as well as any similar attempt by the City of Madison to locally regulate animal research. We write to ensure the Common Council and the Board of Health are fully informed of the considerable, detrimental effects any such ordinance would have on Madison's biomedical research community as well as on Wisconsin's innovation economy.

For animal research regulations to be ethical, effective, and enforceable, they must be implemented by appropriate federal agencies with the resources to exercise oversight across regions and industries. Multiple such agencies have robust and proven rules better suited for these regulatory purposes and a local ordinance would interfere with those purposes.

Of more immediate concern to WARF, even consideration of this ordinance places Madison, Dane County, and Wisconsin out of step with the principles that govern every other biotechnology and life sciences hub (whether major, midsize, or minor) across the United States. Imposing such a disadvantage would hinder the ability of the University of



Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) to remain a top-tier research institution in biomedical, agricultural, and life sciences. The ordinance would drive away the researchers, industry professionals, and investment capital needed to maintain Madison's thriving biotechnology industry and would debilitate UW-Madison's ability to serve its historic public service mission known as the Wisconsin Idea.

As a supporting organization for the UW-Madison research enterprise, WARF and our employees have direct experience with the critical role that public-private collaborations play in sustaining a world-class research enterprise. UW-Madison research and WARF's mission-drive philanthropy operate in symbiosis with Madison's thriving biotechnology ecosystem.

As one of the oldest and most-recognized university-associated technology transfer offices in the world, WARF has the global reputation to seek out commercial partners anywhere in the world. But we prefer to license our technologies, and create new companies, in our hometown of Madison whenever possible. Since 2016, WARF has had active licensing agreements with between 26 and 32 different companies within the City of Madison in any given year and up to 38 when counting companies located in other municipalities throughout Dane County. These agreements generated more than \$2.5 million in annual licensing revenue and more than \$6 million in fiscal year 2021.

Extending the scope to the entire state, WARF has agreements with more than 100 companies located in Wisconsin. We licensed technologies to 37 Wisconsin-based startups and have made direct investments in 25 ventures with Wisconsin-based employees. The result has been almost \$50 million in revenue since 2015.

In addition to helping create and grow new businesses, WARF invests in UW-Madison technologies in ways that continually strive to attract existing biotechnology companies into Madison, along with the new jobs and economic results those companies bring to our region.

A research animal ban would inhibit WARF's ability to collaborate with many of these companies, a significant number of which operate in the



biotech sector. More than one local company has expressed concern that this ban, if implemented, would force them to either move out of Madison or cease the lifesaving research they currently perform every day within the city limits.

WARF also invests in UW-Madison by owning and operating the Discovery Building, a public-private facility in the heart of the Madison campus. Under one roof, the Discovery Building houses both the university's Wisconsin Institute for Discovery and the private, nonprofit Morgridge Institute. Morgridge Institute researchers and WARF staff located onsite at the Discovery Building are employees of nonprofit organizations working on privately owned property.

Therefore, the technicality that "city ordinances do not apply to state employees operating on state property" would do nothing to prevent the proposed ban from interfering directly with the groundbreaking biomedical research conducted onsite in the Discovery Building.

The same applied to UW-Madison's other non-profit affiliated organizations, many of whom collaborate with researchers. In addition to WARF and the Morgridge Institute, affiliates include UW Health and the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). A recent report on UW-Madison's economic impact determined that, together, all four affiliated organizations are responsible for \$8.7 billion in annual economic impact, more than 54,000 jobs supported, and more than \$300 million in annual state and local taxes.

For the above reasons, WARF wishes to reiterate and stand in full agreement with these recent statements from our partners at BioForward:

- 1. The use of research animals is heavily regulated by federal law.**
- 2. Animal testing is required before a drug can be approved by the FDA for use in humans.**
- 3. Eliminating animal research presents significant costs to human health.**
- 4. Piecemeal regulations create dangerous inconsistencies.**



No 21st century research institution, much less a public, land-grant university of the size and prestige of UW-Madison, can— or should— operate in detachment from the community to which it belongs. If the City of Madison intends to uphold the principle, embedded in the Wisconsin Idea, that the boundaries of the campus are the boundaries of state, then we must not erect a legal barrier that will separate campus researchers from the biotech industry that surrounds it.

We respectfully encourage the Board of Health and the Common Council to drop consideration of this research ban, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Erik Iverson
Chief Executive Officer

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From: [Melanie Weberg](#)
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Subject: Proposed Madison Ordinance 68608
Date: Saturday, July 23, 2022 4:35:29 PM

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Dear Madison City Alders,

As Director of the League Of Humane Voters-Wisconsin Chapter, I am writing in support of Proposed Madison Ordinance 68608. LOHV-WI represents not only many members in Madison but in 41 other Wisconsin counties as well.

In light of the recent revelations of commercial dog and cat breeding operations around the country operating in violation of the most basic animal welfare conditions, it is imperative that we prohibit new operations from opening up in our state and in this case the city of Madison in Dane County. As a matter of fact, numerous other local governments across Wisconsin have prohibited such commercial dog and cat breeding operations from opening up in their jurisdictions as well. Regulatory oversight of the current established commercial cat and dog breeding operations is negligible if at all. As other breeding operations continue to be shut down across the country, Wisconsin and Madison most likely may well be a target for expansion of such operations.

This ordinance is well-written, succinct and clearly delineates the purpose: prohibiting commercial selling of dogs or cats for experimentation. Based on LOHV-WI's membership, Madison and Dane County in general has a large number of dog and cat owner residents who would greatly appreciate your show of support for this ordinance.

Thank you for your hard work.

Melanie Weberg, Director
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