



INTRODUCTION

Michigan Friends of Companion Animals (MFCA) is a coalition and network of businesses and animal welfare organizations supporting stronger laws and ordinances to protect animals in breeding facilities and families from irresponsible pet retailers.

With the introduction of legislation in Lansing and a model pet retail ban ordinance in Macomb County, the MFCA Development Committee started activities to begin building a coalition of ethical businesses, recognized animal welfare organizations, foster-based rescues, shelters, and veterinarians to support these critical animal protection measures. In July 2015, the coalition was announced and recruitment letters were distributed.

THREE GOALS

For the 2015-2016 legislative session, the coalition will focus on three goals.

1. Pass the Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339, which will help to curb puppy mills in the state. [Fact Sheet](#)
2. Pass the Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance in local communities, which will protect families from irresponsible pet retailers. [Fact Sheet](#).
3. Sign-on pet supply stores to the [Puppy Friendly Pet Store Program](#) to make an official policy not to sell puppies or kittens.

EASY TO JOIN

These three specific goals will remain unchanged throughout the 2015-2016 legislative session. Coalition members will be invited to rejoin with updated goals every legislative session. If your business or organization supports the MFCA 2015-2016 goals, at minimum please send your logo and letter of support on your organizations letterhead to pmamichinfo@yahoo.com attention Pam Sordyl. A sample letter can be found on the home page of our website: <http://mfca.yolasite.com>.

INVOLVEMENT

At minimum coalition members need only to send their logo and formal letter of support. Your organization's logo will be used in communicating with decision makers, including state legislators, county commissioners, and city council members, as well as, posted on our website. There are no fees to join or fundraisers scheduled. Lastly, you will receive periodic action alerts and announcements with a request to forward through your distribution lists and included in your newsletters.

ATTEND EVENTS (OPTIONAL)

There will be a variety of events scheduled throughout the legislative session if your organization would like to be more involved, these may include:

- ✓ Monthly workshops and webinars are scheduled from July through November 2015. See our homepage for the schedule and details for registering.
- ✓ Coalition members are invited to attend key hearings in Lansing. Specific testimony may be provided in writing and in person. Having a pre-drafted letter of support will be useful when hearings are unexpectedly scheduled and attendance is difficult.
- ✓ Coalition members are invited to attend key county commissioner and city council meetings. The coalition seeks to pass county resolutions supporting both the state legislation and model retail ban ordinance. Speakers may be lined up to cover various topics during public comment. Each speaker is usually allowed three minutes to share comment without questions from commissioners or council members.
- ✓ Coalition members are encouraged to attend citizen lobbying events related to the pending legislation and be introduced on the balcony of the state House and Senate chambers.

SIGN AND HOST OUR PETITIONS

Please sign and host the following petitions on your website. When signing the petition, please choose to receive action alerts and updates. Be sure to include your city, state and provide authorization to receive notifications.

- ✓ Pass the Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339. Link to [Petition](#)
- ✓ Pass the Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance. Link to [Petition](#).

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