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Dear Community Leaders,

Tiny Paws Rescue & Sanctuary, Limited totally supports the following proposed legislation and pet store program. We would like Michigan community leaders to encourage humane pet acquisitions through shelters and foster-based animal rescue organizations.

1. The Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339 will help to curb puppy mills in the state.
2. The Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, long-lived birds and large reptiles in local communities, and to protect families from irresponsible pet retailers.
3. The Puppy Friendly Pet Store program encourages pet supply stores to make an official policy not to sell puppies or kittens.

Tiny Paws Rescue and Sanctuary is a small scale, privately run animal rescue. We predominantly handle pocket pets, such as hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs or other small animals that happen to come into our care.

We work with Macomb and Oakland counties and occasionally Jackson and Saginaw. We work with several Petco stores (as far as Lansing) whose corporation does not allow the selling of rabbits. There are some Pet Supplies Plus Stores we also feel responsible to care for our animals in their stores.

Rabbits have become the third most surrendered animal and through education we are working to reduce the Easter rabbit purchase problem and promoting an indoor lifestyle.

Respectfully,

Linda Oleszko President