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Thank you,

Julie Mackay Percy

Dear Colorado House of Representatives Business Affairs and Labor Committee Members,

On behalf of all buyers of pets and all pets who suffer at the hands of unscrupulous pet breeders, I respectfully request that you each vote in favor of HB 25-1180. This bill will help stop the sale of pets bred by unregulated breeders. Most or all of the pets sold in parking lots and other outdoor public areas are supplied by local or out-of-state unregulated and unscrupulous puppy mills and breeders. Many of these pets suffer greatly in their young lives, are unvaccinated, and may have serious illnesses, resulting in unexpected high vet bills for the new pet owners. Many purchasers cannot pay the vet bills or locate the sellers and so have to relinquish their new pets to shelters, resulting in increased shelter overcrowding and very disappointed buyers. Please help stop this serious and heartbreaking cycle of pet suffering and the loss of money and companionship by unsuspecting purchasers of pets provided by unprincipled and uncaring breeders.

Please cast a YES vote on HB 25-1180.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mackay Percy

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**HB25-1180**

1 message

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## Written Testimony for HB25-1180

Selling puppies or cats from a parking lot is absolutely horrible. There is no regard for making sure these dogs or cats are fixed or vaccinated before adoption. The majority often come from unregulated residential breeding situations or puppy mills where the females are continuously impregnated in very small spaces. the living conditions are inhumane, many are sick because of the lack of medical care they receive. It's animal cruelty. Behavioral issues of puppies are often worse when they come from breeding situations, which means many of them will end up in an animal shelter later on or euthanized. Our animal shelters are absolutely packed with dogs and cats sitting in jail hat need homes. To purposely breed dogs or cats, just so the breeder can make a few bucks, is absolutely abhorrent. Breeding should be banned in general, but for the purposes of selling them on the street, there should be no question, this practice should be illegal. Please pass this bill! Thank you  
Chris Cline

**House Business Affairs & Labor**

**03/05/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**HB25-1180 Prohibiting Pet Animal Sales in Public Spaces**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Sandra Freeman For themselves	Please approve this bill to protect domestic animals from the abuse and neglect that happens in puppy mills. Pets sold in parking lots are very often from puppy mills. We must stop these terrible places from making money off the suffering of poor animals.
Debi Davidson For themselves	The shelter and rescues need our help, They are overwhelmed with so many unwanted animals - Impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrendered pets to a shelter - shelters are euthanizing healthy animals for space. overpopulation is the problem - the passing of this bill is a huge step in the right direction.  Thank you for your consideration.  Debi Davidson
Margaret Vaccarella For themselves	I am advocating for HB25 1180, which aims to stop the sale of puppies in parking lots in Colorado, based on several key reasons:  Animal Welfare: Selling puppies in parking lots often leads to unsafe and unhealthy conditions for the animals. This legislation helps protect puppies from potential neglect and abuse.  Consumer Protection: Buyers may not have access to adequate information about the puppies' health and breeding conditions. Stopping these sales can help ensure that consumers are purchasing from reputable breeders or shelters.  Public Safety: Sales in parking lots can pose safety risks, both for the animals and for the public. Reducing these sales helps create a safer environment for everyone.  Support for Shelters and Rescues: This legislation can help promote adoption from shelters and rescues, which have many animals in need of homes.

	<p>Community Awareness: Supporting this bill raises awareness about the importance of adopting pets and the issues surrounding irresponsible breeding and sales practices.</p> <p>By passing HB25 1180, you are contributing to a movement that prioritizes the health and safety of animals while fostering a more informed and responsible pet ownership culture.</p>
<p>Kanada Sorensen For themselves</p>	<p>I am reaching out to ask that committee members vote 'Yes' to support HB25-1180 Prohibiting Pet Animal Sales in Public Spaces.</p> <p>Animals sold in public spaces can be of ill health, have no paperwork as to where they came from, and the consumer has no way of contacting the buyer after the transaction, if needed. Often times these animals are coming from puppy mills and/or irresponsible breeders. These unregulated practices threaten animal welfare and also allow a way for dogs coming from out-of-state puppy mills to be sold.</p> <p>Please support this bill and keep animals and their pet parents safe.</p>
<p>Ray Coffey For themselves</p>	<p>There should be no controversy about this bill and I see it has bipartisan sponsorship. In the interest of humane treatment of animals and consumer protection the sale of pets in parking lots, streets, recreation areas, outdoor markets, and other public spaces should be banned. The overwhelming majority of pet sales in this manner are from breeders who keep their breeding stock in elevated cages or under other inhumane conditions and do not take proper care of the animals. Their only goal is only to make a quick profit with minimum expense. Often the animals they sell are sick or diseased from the unhealthy environments they come from and lack of immunizations or veterinary care. This can lead to expensive veterinary care and often heartbreak for the unsuspecting people and families who purchase the animals and have no recourse. These unscrupulous animal breeders who operate so called "puppy mills" and similar animal breeding operations should be put out of business and the passage of this bill will help make it more difficult for them to stay in business. There are reputable animal breeders but they do not sell their animals in the manner in which HB25-1180 seeks to stop.</p> <p>Thank you for attention,</p> <p>Ray Coffey, Denver, CO</p>
<p>Alaina Sigler For</p>	<p><b>**Testimony in Support of Regulating Public Pet Sales in Colorado**</b></p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>To Whom This Concerns,</p> <p>I urge you to support HB25-1180 to protect Colorado’s animals and communities from the harmful consequences of unregulated pet sales. Every day, pets are sold in parking lots, roadways, outdoor markets, and parks without oversight, endangering both animals and buyers.</p> <p>These sales often occur without the property owner’s permission, creating unauthorized activity and public health risks. Many of these puppies come from inhumane puppy mills and backyard breeders, where dogs are bred in deplorable conditions. As a result, puppies sold in public spaces are frequently under eight weeks old, unvaccinated, or sick—leaving buyers with no legal recourse when faced with expensive veterinary bills. Sellers quickly disappear, avoiding accountability and bypassing vital local and PACFA regulations meant to protect animals.</p> <p>With no statewide prohibition, most cities lack the authority to intervene, allowing this cycle of cruelty to continue unchecked. Worse, these impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrendered pets, further straining overcrowded shelters.</p> <p>Colorado must take action to close this dangerous loophole. By passing HB25-1180, we can prevent animal suffering, protect consumers, and reduce the burden on our shelters. I strongly urge you to support this critical legislation.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Alaina Sigler Special Education Teacher</p>
<p>Patricia Young For themselves</p>	<p>I whole heartedly support HB 25-1180 bill. I grew up with rescue shelter dogs. My concern is pets sold in parking lots come from irresponsible breeders and puppy mill breeders that care nothing about the puppies welfare and more about the profit. The animals are not vetted, have no certified veterinarian inspections and could be sold before they are eight weeks old. Please pass HB25-1180 to prohibit pet animal sales in public spaces.</p>
<p>Shannon Barea For themselves</p>	<p>I am for a bill that would stop parking lot sales of pets. The animals are not properly cared for. They're adding to an already bursting homeless pet problem.</p>

<p>Kelsey Holman For themselves</p>	<p>We must support this bill and end the irresponsible sale of pets in Colorado. Not supporting this bill is inhumane, unethical and raises many concerns like: irresponsible breeding practices, lack of proper vet care for the puppies, potential for impulse buying by customers with little knowledge about dog ownership, and the inability to adequately assess the health and temperament of the puppies in such a casual setting, raising concerns about animal welfare. The sale of pets in parking lots and retail stores must end.</p>
<p>Sarah Skarie For themselves</p>	<p>Most parking lot puppies come from from puppy mills and irresponsible breeders. Puppy mill breeders and backyard breeders churn out dogs in bulk, selling them quickly in Colorado parking lots at lower prices . They return week after week to the same locations selling what appears to be an unlimited supply of puppies. Puppies sold can be under 8 weeks old, unvaccinated, or suffering from a serious illness. Sellers bypass local and PACFA breeder regulations and licensing. After purchasing a sick pet ,buyers have no recourse and are stuck with high vet costs. Impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrender pets , adding to shelter overcrowding and an already overwhelming amount of animals at the shelter that need loving homes.</p>
<p>Amy Lewis For themselves</p>	<p>There's already pet overpopulation problem in Colorado and there's already a decrease in the number of people who will adopt dogs, cats, and other pets. Rescues and shelters can't keep up with the numbers of animals that are coming into them and it means that only a fraction can be saved. The rest are euthanized. We can't continue allowing people to breed more animals, only for them to be destroyed or living in terrible conditions. It's not sustainable for animals, city animal control, or shelters and rescues. Please vote to stop this terrible practice.</p>
<p>Claudia Sanchez For themselves</p>	<p>This bill should pass because puppy mills and backyard breeders are inhumane. They treat these innocent lives as if they were just a piece of produce that could be thrown away if not sold. The amount of dogs and puppies that are just abandoned because they weren't sold is devastating. These monsters need to be stopped! Selling Dogs &amp; puppies shouldn't be a source of income.</p>
<p>Vanessa Toyryla For themselves</p>	<p>I'm an active, registered voter writing to urge you to vote YES on HB25-1180 to prohibit pet animal sales in public spaces. Selling animals in public spaces leads to abusive and unethical breeding practices. Additionally, it's unsanitary and puts our community at greater risk of disease. We absolutely cannot let the sale of animals go unregulated. Please vote yes and prohibit the sale of pet animals in our public spaces.</p>
<p>Cordelia Stone For themselves</p>	<p>Hello,  I'm Cordelia Stone. I live and am registered to vote in Laporte, Colorado.  I am asking you to please vote YES in support of HB25-1180, the bill that would prohibit pet animal sales in public spaces.  Pet sales in public spaces are unregulated and offer no protection for the consumer or the pet. The pets can be unvaccinated, ill, and/or under eight weeks of age. The</p>

	<p>sellers can disappear after the sale offering no recourse to the buyer who may discover they have a sick or dying puppy. These sellers can bypass PACFA breeder regulations.</p> <p>Although some Colorado communities have started to put laws into place making it illegal to sell kittens and puppies in stores, few have laws prohibiting pet sales in public spaces.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on behalf of Colorado.</p> <p>Sincerely, Cordelia Stone</p> <p>PO Box 1330 4512 Moccasin Circle Laporte, CO 80535 cordstone@gmail.com</p>
<p>Carol Gustafson For themselves</p>	<p>I, as a lifelong Colorado resident would like to voice my support of HB25-1180. This is a crucial statewide bill which is crucial to protecting our animals and residents from unregulated, inhumane, and the risky sales of animals from puppy mills and irresponsible breeders. This bill would protect animals from being sold in parking lots where animals are often sold in inhumane conditions, are often too young to be taken from their mothers and may be unhealthy. These sales often result in impulse buying by people who don't plan ahead with regard to expense of medical care and food for the animal for their entire lifetime. Many of these animals end up in our humane shelters which are already overcrowded. These sales can also result in conflicts and are sales where no tax is being paid. Please pass this bill and put a stop to animals from puppy mills being sold at Colorado pet stores and in our parking lots and public places.</p>
<p>Debbie Hall For themselves</p>	<p>I am against this bill as I do not believe animals should be sold like this! This is backyard breeding! We must ban this immediately! Animals must be vetted thoroughly through organizations like rescues or shelters that have assessments for animal health, veterinarians, temperament, etc. this type of roadside or backyard breeding and selling only insures we will have sick animals, animals that have had no veterinary care, in a continued non-stop supply of unwanted unneeded unneutered animals that just keep adding to our animal overpopulation issue.</p>
<p>Loretta Chavez For themselves</p>	<p>I'm writing in support of this bill. Pets animals should not be used as money, making objects. There are so many animals that are in shelters that can be adopted instead of people buying them impulsively in public places.</p>



	<p>This bill will deter backyard breeders from preying on the lives of these poor animals for profit.</p>
<p>Adrianna Carruth For themselves</p>	<p>In my small rural community of Alamosa, everyday there are backyard breeders in our Walmart parking lot selling puppies of all mixes and types in unacceptable conditions. Malnourished, sick, parvo puppies. The sale of pets in public should absolutely be prohibited to help cut back on breeding and overpopulation of dogs and cats in Colorado with shelters being at capacity in most cities in the state. Most breeders prioritize profit instead of animal welfare and giving them one less place to be able to sell these animals I feel would be very beneficial to the people of Colorado.</p>
<p>Brandi Horton For themselves</p>	<p>People should not be profiting of the cruelty of animals. There are other ways to make money than to subject animals to the terrors they go through being pedaled on the side of the street. Turtles on Federal? Really? We are an enlightened society and need to act as such. We must protect those that cannot protect themselves.</p>
<p>Brandy Cruickshank For themselves</p>	<p>This bill needs to be put in place. There are so many animals being mistreated and this should not be allowed for puppies or any animal to be given away or sold in parking Lots or anywhere else. breeders do not know where these animals are truly going or if these people are truly looking for an animal to be a pet and a family member, this needs to stop. There's so much cruelty going on in Colorado And I please ask and pray that this bill gets past.</p>
<p>Brandi Branecky For themselves</p>	<p>Pets should not be allowed to be sold in public places in Colorado because it can contribute to unethical breeding practices and the exploitation of animals. Many pet vendors prioritize profit over the well-being of the animals, often selling pets from puppy mills or overcrowded conditions, where animals may suffer from neglect, poor living conditions, and lack of proper care. Additionally, this practice encourages unlicensed backyard breeders who operate without proper oversight, further exacerbating the problem. Colorado is already facing a pet overpopulation crisis, with shelters, rescues, and foster homes already at capacity. Allowing pet sales in public places only worsens this issue by promoting the breeding and sale of animals, rather than supporting the adoption of the many animals already in need of homes.</p>
<p>Casey Lopeman For themselves</p>	<p>Dear Members of the Colorado General Assembly,</p> <p>My name is Casey Lopeman and I am a veterinary medical professional with a primarily emergency-based background, working in the Denver metro area. I am writing in strong support of HB25-1180 because I have seen, firsthand, the devastating consequences of unchecked backyard breeding, puppy mills, and pet store sales of irresponsibly bred animals.</p> <p>Every week, multiple times a week even, veterinary staff are treating puppies or female dogs suffering from the direct consequences of careless and exploitative breeding practices. These cases are not rare—they are constant. I have seen countless puppies die in agony from preventable diseases like parvovirus and</p>

	<p>distemper, both of which are rampant in puppy mills and backyard breeding operations due to a lack of proper veterinary care, vaccination, and sanitation. These diseases are horrific: parvovirus causes relentless vomiting and diarrhea, leading to dehydration and septic shock, while distemper can cause neurological damage, seizures, and a slow, painful death.</p> <p>Beyond disease, the genetic consequences of irresponsible breeding are undeniable. I have treated dogs with crippling deformities, congenital heart defects, and neurological disorders—all because profit was prioritized over the health of these animals. Breed-specific risks are another devastating factor. French Bulldogs, English Bulldogs, and other brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds suffer from severe breathing difficulties due to poor breeding practices, often requiring expensive surgical intervention just to breathe properly. Toy breeds and other small dogs frequently struggle with dystocia (difficult labor), requiring emergency C-sections—procedures that many backyard breeders cannot afford. Make no mistake though, I’ve seen all different breeds need C-sections, this is not exclusive to just a few. Though these few seem to be bred the most due to the price tag they can come with. I have witnessed female dogs die in labor simply because their owners did not realize the severity of the situation or could not afford emergency care.</p> <p>The harsh reality is that breeding animals has become a business for many, but one in which the "business owners" often do not have the financial means to provide basic veterinary care, let alone emergency intervention. There have been many times owners have not any regard for the health, nonetheless life, of the animal they are breeding. They only care about the money they can make off of them. If an owner doesn't think a puppy can't make them money, usually due to medical needs/conditions, they treat the animal like trash and try to rid themselves of the burden however they can. When complications arise, these animals are left to suffer or are dumped at shelters—if they are lucky enough to make it that far. Many die alone, in excruciating pain, from preventable causes.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Colorado shelters are overflowing. We do not have the space, the resources, or the manpower to handle the influx of unwanted animals that backyard breeding exacerbates. Every unnecessary litter contributes to the euthanasia of adoptable dogs simply because there are not enough homes. This is not just a problem—it is a crisis.</p> <p>The suffering I have witnessed is not peaceful. It is torturous. It is preventable. And it is unacceptable. This is not just a problem - it is a crisis. I say this twice and so bluntly because I want to make that abundantly clear.</p> <p>It is our duty as a community to protect animals at the most basic level—to prevent needless suffering, to hold breeders accountable, and to prioritize responsible pet ownership. HB25-1180 is a necessary step toward stopping the cycle of neglect,</p>
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	<p>disease, and death caused by irresponsible breeding. I urge you to stand on the side of compassion and responsibility by supporting this bill.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Casey Lopeman Thornton, Colorado</p>
<p>Rashanna Hickman For themselves</p>	<p>Puppy mills and backyard breeders should be stopped because they prioritize profit over animal welfare. Puppy mills keep dogs in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions with little to no veterinary care, socialization, or proper nutrition. This leads to severe health issues, genetic disorders, and behavioral problems in the puppies they sell.</p> <p>Backyard breeders, though often less extreme, still contribute to irresponsible breeding practices, increasing the risk of hereditary diseases and overpopulation. Many of these dogs end up in shelters or euthanized due to a lack of proper homes.</p> <p>Stopping these operations helps reduce animal suffering, promotes responsible breeding, and supports adoption from reputable rescues and shelters.</p>
<p>Monica Bonyng For themselves</p>	<p>We are overrun with animals who need good homes and yet people breed and sell without a care as to what happens to the puppy or any other dog. It's all about money. If we can get some proper order in place and ban sales and help stop backyard breeding, we can help restore proper balance to our shelters and rescues, while saving thousands of lives.</p>
<p>Lisa Karst For themselves</p>	<p>I have volunteered at low-cost high-volume high-quality spay and neuter travel clinics all over Colorado since 2019, as well as running a rescue for about half that timeperiod. The problem of pet overpopulation is bad and only getting worse. Backyard breeders increase this problem, as well as the genetic and infectious disease load in the general pet population. Their animals have serious problems that they neither care about nor correct. The owners they sell to are not financially prepared for those costs and many either neglect or surrender their difficult pets.</p> <p>Backyard breeder puppies/kittens are often underage, sick, unprotected from distemper, parvo, and rabies, intact, inbred, not microchipped, and mothers are worked to death (sometimes literally). Backyard breeders usually do not take their animals back after the new owner fails to properly care for them. Then the sick/neglected animals are surrendered to shelters or rescues and the owners just buy a new puppy/kitten from the same breeders. Shelters and rescues are full, and these animals are very expensive to care for after their trials and tribulations (if they can be cared for at all, the alternative is euthanasia), and neither the breeder nor the owner take any responsibility or change what they're doing in the future. And we're</p>

	<p>just flat out drowning in unwanted pets already, so we do not need more "pure bred" anything clogging up the system. The myth that pure bred animals are in any way better is absolute junk when you're talking about backyard breeders. Pet owners would be better off with a mutt, they're healthier and happier if they've been properly cared for in the shelter or rescue system.</p>
<p>Jeff Korman For themselves</p>	<p>Selling a pet in this manner, such as out of the back of a vehicle or at a "pop up" type event is inhumane and cruel. Not only do these sales encourage criminal activity (such as the theft of expensive breed animals), there are also no requirements regarding the vetting or medical care of these animals. I have personally seen numerous puppies crammed into a crate sitting in the back of a SUV.</p> <p>There is no way to know these animals medical history or what vaccinations, if any, they have received. These sales create a public health risk. There is an abundance of animals available at shelters and at legitimate sales establishments.</p> <p>You cannot even go to a pawn store without providing basic information and demonstrating a chain of title on the property, yet you can sell a living animal out of the back of a car with no documentation? There is no need for these types of sales and they should be outlawed immediately.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>Eva Price Against themselves</p>	<p>I am opposed to HB25-1180. This will not help the puppy mill situation. It will only make it criminal to try to find decent homes for accidental litters or someone needing farm hands. Cats, especially outdoor cats, are notorious for getting bred back before you can even catch them to get them fixed. This bill will result in many more animals dumped along roadways or otherwise mistreated or killed due to people having no other options if this bill passes. It also makes it more dangerous for anyone trying to find a place that is outside of their home to exchange a free kitten or puppy or any other pet at a neutral location with a stranger. While auctions don't regularly sell pet animals being able to obtain a livestock guard or herding dog at an auction alongside the animals they will be working with is quite convenient and sometimes the only option people have. I personally know of no one that breeds any of these animals so we have to rely on them either being at the parking lots or advertised on bulletin boards of businesses. This is going to hurt rural communities the most while trying fix a bigger city problem. This should not be a statewide law. Please vote no</p>
<p>Tess Baumgart For themselves</p>	<p>I highly support this bill to ban public sales of animals in Colorado. The breeding of dogs is out of control and is immoral - these animals are often mistreated and abandoned if they do not sell. Our shelters are full of wonderful pets that need good homes. Please help us. Thank you.</p>
<p>Lisa Francis</p>	<p>Dogs sold in parking lots are usually from puppy mills or backyard breeders. These dogs often suffer immensely due to lack of vetting and live in horrific conditions. We</p>

For themselves	need to help prevent dogs from suffering in our state by banning people from selling dogs in parking lots .This will help reduce the backyard breeder and puppy mill brokers from breeding them in inhumane conditions and intentionally bypassing agencies like PACFA. Thank you for your consideration.
Rachael Madison For themselves	As a past employee of a vet clinic where we took in animals dumped by negligent owners, I am in support of prohibiting pet sales in public spaces. Our shelters are overflowing with animals that need homes, and the sale of pets will only exacerbate the issue. We do not have the resources to provide sufficient oversight over the care of these animals in these shops, and it is frankly irresponsible to continue this practice. For the supporters of pet sales, I ask that they spend time working at a shelter to see how reckless this behavior is.
Rhonda Bliss For themselves	My family bred and showed purebred Shetland Sheepdogs for 30 years. All of our dogs were family members and lived in our home, not in kennels. We were extremely selective about our breeding program, spending a great deal of money for each litter to make certain they were top quality and healthy puppies. Our puppies were fully vaccinated and sold on contract with full guarantees of health. Those that were not considered of breeding quality had to be spayed or neutered before registration papers were provided. All adopters were completely vetted, including visits to their homes to make sure they were suitable environments for our puppies. I also provided free obedience training for all puppies that we sold to help assure a happy and healthy home environment for all. Our concerns were always to produce the best and healthiest dogs that would always have happy homes. My sisters and I have also been involved in animal rescue most of our lives, adopting many pets of our own from shelters and rescues, including puppy mill survivors, and fostering surrendered pets. One sister and I have also been involved in lost pet rescue for the last 8 years. We are horrified at the number of pets that are mistreated, abandoned, and euthanized every year because of the cruel, careless, reckless, and/or for-profit only mass pet breeding that continues to take place. Much of this could be eliminated by limiting the ability to sell these unfortunate pets in public places. I implore you to pass this legislation to help save innocent lives. Thank you.
Stefanie Bakken For themselves	Please pass this bill. Being able to sell puppies and other pets in public spaces encourages the activities of puppy mills,  backyard breeders and even those who steal pets and resell them. In addition , these animals are often too young to sell and thrive or sick. Selling animals in public spaces foments unethical treatment of animals as well as crime and unethical business practices. Thank you.
Jennifer Piumarta For themselves	Please ban puppy sales in public places. They'r these are unethical breeders who do not care for these animals, do not vaccinate them, and often dump them at shelters or worse!! We fo not need to allow this! We need to promote spay and neutering and keep overcrowded pet populations from increasing due to irresponsible people just wanting to make money and the expense of innocent animals who suffer!  Thank you.
Katherine Pugliese	I support banning the sale of animals in parking lots and the other listed areas. In our area we have a very large problems with animals at large due to irresponsible owners

<p>For themselves</p>	<p>who impulsively buy pets outside of Walmart. These dogs do not get fixed and in the end only add to the problem because they have more puppies, and the entire cycle repeats. Please help us protect animals, by making backyard breeding profits harder to accomplish.</p>
<p>Robbyn Spear For themselves</p>	<p>It is imperative that we regulate the distribution of living beings by being responsible as to how animals are sold/bought/adopted to minimize abuse and neglect of animals such as puppies, kittens, rabbits etc...</p>
<p>Juley Dyer For themselves</p>	<p>Please we need this bill passed ASAP!</p> <p>Pets are sold in parking lots, roadways, streets, outdoor markets, public parks and recreation areas throughout Colorado. Puppies frequently come from Colorado puppy mills, out-of-state puppy mills, and backyard breeders, where dogs are bred in inhumane conditions. These puppy mill pups can be sold under 8 weeks old, unvaccinated, or suffering from an illness.</p> <p>Sellers disappear after the sale, avoiding accountability.</p> <p>Sellers bypass local and PACFA breeder regulations and licensing.</p> <p>Most Colorado cities have no laws prohibiting pet sales in public spaces, leaving authorities unable to take action.</p> <p>Impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrendered pets, adding to shelter overcrowding.</p> <p>Please pass this bill so we can protect the puppies in our state.</p>
<p>Sarah Garcia For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the inhumane practices prevalent in puppy mill and back yard breeder sales and strongly urge you to support legislation that would significantly strengthen regulations surrounding it.</p> <p>Pupymill and backyard breeders prioritize profit over the welfare of the animals, often keeping breeding animals in cramped, unsanitary conditions with inadequate food, veterinary care, and exercise. This results in immense suffering for countless animals, who are forced to continuously breed, leading to serious health issues and a diminished quality of life.</p> <p>As a concerned citizen, animal advocate and rescue volunteer I can't begin to share the atrocities I have come across in person in so many instances that are just heartbreaking. I believe it is imperative to take action to protect these animals. I implore you to support legislation that would:</p> <p>No longer allow public sales of these animals.</p> <p>This includes implementing stricter penalties for non-compliance to minimize repeat offenses.</p>

	<p>By taking decisive action against the public sales of these animals we can help ensure that these animals are ultimately treated with the compassion and respect they deserve.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical issue.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Garcia</p> <p>4140 Jay Street</p> <p>Wheat Ridge</p> <p>720-549-4092</p>
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# Unregulated Pet Sales in Public Spaces Fact Sheet

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- Pets are sold in parking lots, roadways, streets, outdoor markets, public parks and recreation areas throughout CO.
- Puppies frequently come from out-of-state and Colorado puppy mills, bred without proper care.
- Puppies can be under 8 weeks old, unvaccinated, or suffering from an illness.
- After purchasing a sick pet, buyers have no recourse and are stuck with high veterinary costs.
- Sellers disappear after the sale, avoiding accountability.
- Sellers bypass local and PACFA breeder regulations and licensing.
- Impulse purchases lead to abandoned or surrendered pets, adding to shelter overcrowding.