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To Whom it may concern,

I strongly support the work that is being done to stop the conditions seen in puppy farm situations, and the ongoing health and mental concerns for the puppies produced in those environments.

I do not support the proposal to transition all pet stores to rescue rehoming centres. I was disappointed to see this was not a opinion you asked for in the public survey.

While this concept sounds great, it's the "easy" public friendly answer and does nothing to address supply and demand.

There will always be a large market for puppies. The opportunity here is to improve conditions, raise the standards, and processes to make pet stores the IDEAL place for a consumer to access a puppy of their choice. Microchipping as proof of source, 24-48 hour cooling off periods between paying a deposit and taking puppy home, mandatory new puppy owner education, improved standards for keeping on animals on site are just some of the changes that COULD be brought in as part of this initiative.

Instead, will we see an increase in puppies being sold by backyard breeders (or puppy farmers posing as backyard breeders) online. Out of sight, out of mind, and unregulated.

Pet stores are highly visible and your best chance of regulating the industry is to keep puppies visible.

Secondly, not every household is suitable for a rescue dog.

Sadly, many rescue dogs are abandoned due to behavior issues- even simply that their previously owner did no training with them at all. Rehabilitating a rescue dog is not an easy or quick thing, and not every household is willing or able to employ the services of a trainer to assist them. 80% of rescue dogs have some form of dog on dog, or dog on person reactivity. This is a time consuming behavior issue to resolve, and needs proper guidance and supervision.

Not every house that wants a dog, is a suitable home for a rescue dog.

The current plan to remove dogs from pet stores is sadly missing a massive opportunity to create real change in puppy welfare. I do hope you reconsider.

Giddy Up!

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