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**Badger Rescue Animal
Transport Services, Inc.**

To the Milwaukee Common Council

On behalf of Badger Rescue Animal Transport Services, Inc., I respectfully ask the Milwaukee Common Council to enact an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of companion animals which are inhumanely bred in pet stores. Many of animals are ending up at MADACC because of poor socialization, aggressive tendencies or illness. Other local shelters and rescues also take in these animals. They are expensive via time and money to re-home. The taxpayers are paying the bill.

I have seen firsthand what these breeding facilities are like. The environment is not conducive to producing pets that are of sound temperament, social and healthy. Their goal is to produce as many as possible without regard to the wellbeing of the potential pet.

Pet Stores do a dis-service to the public by offering these animals for sale. In my opinion they would be better off eliminating these animals for sale and concentrating on the profitable pet supply side of the business. If they feel they must have animals available perhaps they could offer space to local shelters and rescues to bring in their adoptable animals for public exposure.

We have many responsible local hobby breeders that do not sell via pet stores. These responsibly bred animals are available directly from the breeders for those who cannot find what they are looking for through adoption.

Please support this important reform to protect pets, consumers and taxpayers in our community by enacting an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores.

Thank you for your consideration.

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