

The Village Independent Democrats
Resolution in support of
Senate Bill S4234 and Assembly Bill A6298

Whereas Puppy mills are commercial breeding facilities. These are high-volume puppy generators that exist solely for profit without consideration for the animal's welfare. Animals are kept in small cages, sometimes only about six inches larger than the dog, and these cages are filthy and reek of urine and feces. There is no kind human interaction and many animals have never left their cages. Dogs are bred every heat cycle and are often killed or discarded once their fertile years are over,

Whereas Senate Bill S4234 (supported by Senator Hoylman) and Assembly Bill A6298 would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits if the animal are provided by a breeder or a broker. Pet stores, as defined by the bills, can provide "showcases" for dogs, cats, or rabbits for the purposes of adoption. These dogs must come from tax exempt organizations such as animal rescue organizations and societies for the prevention of animal cruelty,

Whereas today there are over 10,000 licensed and unlicensed puppy mills in the United States, many are in New York, and over 2 million puppies are bred every year,

Whereas puppies purchased in pet stores, classified advertisement, and over the internet are almost always from these facilities, and

Whereas the federal government does regulate breeders; however the standards are at best minimal. For example, breeders are permitted to own in excess of 1,000 dogs, keep them in small cages, and factory breed them,

Therefore be it resolved that Village Independent Democrats calls upon all elected representatives in both the New York State Senate and Assembly to pass S4234 and A6298, respectively.