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Pet Advocacy Network Condemns Oregon Pet Sale Ban

Statement from Pet Advocacy Network President and CEO Mike Bober:

“By signing OR HB 2915 into law and banning new pet stores from offering puppies to Oregon families, Governor Kotek has eliminated a regulated and inspected source that gives pet owners peace of mind. This law leaves Oregonians seeking a specific breed of puppy more vulnerable to fraudulent sellers on the unregulated black market, while doing nothing to stop bad breeders. In the two and a half years after California enacted a similar pet sale ban, reported puppy scams surged by 350%, and veterinarians saw an increase in sick puppies acquired from unregulated sources. It is a loss for Oregonians that state lawmakers did not learn from California’s mistake and instead target the real problem, unregulated breeders who mistreat animals. All of us in the responsible pet care community want to safeguard animals and would welcome the opportunity to work with lawmakers to establish enhanced animal care standards that provide both animals and Oregonians with the protection they deserve.”

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About Pet Advocacy Network

The [Pet Advocacy Network](#) connects the experience and expertise of the responsible pet care community to lawmakers and governing bodies, advocating for legislative and regulatory priorities at the local, state, federal and international levels. Since 1971, the organization has worked to promote animal well-being and responsible pet ownership, foster environmental stewardship, and ensure access to healthy pets, including small animals, cats, dogs, fish, reptiles and birds. Pet Advocacy Network members include retailers, companion animal suppliers, manufacturers, wholesale distributors, manufacturers’ representatives, pet hobbyists, and other trade organizations.

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