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Pet Advocacy Network Statement in Response to NJ.com Pet Sale Ban Article

Statement from Pet Advocacy Network President & CEO Mike Bober:

“Thursday’s NJ.com article is simply another agenda-driven piece meant to mislead readers and promote a misguided, unnecessary sales ban. It advances a deliberately false narrative about pet shops in New Jersey, omits key facts, and fails to adequately explain the extensive state and federal regulatory oversight regimen pet stores in New Jersey must adhere to.

It fails to explain that the Pet Purchase Protection Act limits pet stores to getting dogs from USDA-licensed breeders with no direct citations and fewer than three indirect citations on inspections going back three years. Stores are also required to provide warranties to protect consumers in cases where dogs might have hereditary or communicable illnesses.

This is best-in-the-nation protection and we are proud to support it.”

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About Pet Advocacy Network:

The [Pet Advocacy Network](https://www.petadvocacy.org) 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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