



ARPO BELIEVES THAT COMPANION ANIMALS SHOULD NOT COME FROM PET STORES

Every puppy that you see in a glass cage in a pet store has come from a puppy mill or back yard breeder. Their mother and father is at this moment surviving in a living hell – with no healthcare, proper nutrition, socialization, access to the outdoors, or anything resembling the life that a responsible pet owner gives to their companion animal. Even animals being raised for our dining table live in better conditions a lot of the time. The conditions that dogs being bred over and over are forced to live in – even here in Nova Scotia – is horrific. There is no regard given for the puppies genetic health – what their hips are going to be like in 2 years, whether their eyes are going to work their whole lives – and also – how long they've been living in that glass cage at the pet store. If they've had no exercise or socialization for the first 6 months of their life – what kind of a companion are they going to be for you for the next 15 or so years? Not great, one wouldn't think.

Pet stores that sell live animals are furthering the suffering of puppy mills – and we need to send a message to those corporations that we will not be giving them any more of our money to enable the suffering of those puppies parents – or the puppies that they are buying from them.

The only way to stop puppy mills from profiting is to stop buying their product – and we also believe that we have to go one step further – stop buying ANY of our pet supplies at pet stores that sell live animals.

There's lots of other places we can buy the supplies we need to keep our companion animals alive and completely pampered. And that way we can also send a message to the stores that aren't selling live animals that we support the choice that they've made to not take part in that unsavoury industry.

Locally in the HRM – there are a ton of local stores that sell pet supplies that don't also sell live animals – and here is a list of some of them (this list isn't all of them – this will just get you started):

B&R Pet Supplies – 257 Windsor Junction Road, Waverly
Bark & Fitz – 5431 Doyle Street, Halifax
Best Friends Pet Supplies – 287 Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park
Best Friends Pet Supplies – Tantallon Mall, Tantallon
Brenda's Dog Dudz – 60 Bruce Drive, Lower Sackville
Carnegy Animal Hospital – Four Feet on The Ground – Clayton Park
Dog Luv-Dog Wash Service & Supplies – Porters Lake
Elaine's Poodle Parlour – 1137 Cole Harbour Road
Glamour Puss & The Naughty Dog Pet Boutique – 1551 South Park Street Halifax
Global Pet Food – 201 Chain Lake, Bayer's Lake
Global Pet Food – Westphal Plaza, Dartmouth

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House of Dogs Grooming, - 6448 Quinpool Road, Halifax
Pet Peeve Pet Shop – 1114 Cole Harbour Road, Dartmouth
PetStuff on the Go – 300 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth
Petworks Veterinary Hospital – 850 Portland Street, Dartmouth
Teeft K-9 Centre – 46 Borden Ave, Dartmouth
Three Dog Bakery – 22 Logiealmond Close, Dartmouth
Valleyfield Farm – 1113 Sackville Dr, Lower Sackville
Walker's Livestock Feed & Supplies – 1397 Cole Harbour Road, Dartmouth
Metro Dog Wash – 6021 Cunard Street, Halifax
Tailwagrrs K9 Welness Centre – 746 Bedford Highway, Halifax

A lot of veterinary clinics and hospitals sell pet supplies – so if you drive by a vet clinic or hospital regularly – you should pop in and see if they have anything good to buy! It'd also be a good reason to let your dog get used to going to the vet without getting prodded or poked so they don't get so freaked out when you DO go to the vet to get poked and prodded!

Other places you can buy pet supplies:

Walmart
Zellers
Canadian Tire
Atlantic Superstore
Planet Organic
Backyard & Veranda
Old Navy – clothing