The Problem

- Puppies who come from commercial breeders are poorly socialized due to their environment and premature removal from their mother.
- Have a higher rate of illness, inbreeding and behavioral problems.
- Many sick puppies or unwanted mothers end up at the shelter and require costly medical treatments.

By changing how a pet store acquires pets, we can reduce the number of animals coming into shelters with unwanted conditions.
The Consequences

- Dogs sold in a store that are later surrendered to a shelter for dangerously aggressive behavior cannot be adopted out into our community.

- Costs $200-400 per animal that enters our facility to cover basic food, housing, and initial medical care. Costs hundreds to thousands of dollars for other surgeries or medical procedures, or longer length of stay.

Pet stores do not obtain dogs from responsible breeders because responsible breeders do not sell puppies to pet stores.
The Solution

- Provide a Certificate of Source for each puppy, kitten and bunny sold in a pet store.
- All animals adopted or rescued from a shelter have state-mandated sterilization requirements.
- All pets from HSU and SLCo are also microchipped and vaccinated.

By requiring pet stores to obtain pets from shelters or rescues, they are helping control the number of homeless pets in our community rather than contributing to the problem.