

HELP BRING AN END TO THE DANGER FACING PETS IN MICHIGAN



Soup, sold to a Class B dealer in July 2009

Soup was an English setter that was surrendered to Montcalm County Animal Control by her owner after she was hit by a car. Her foot was injured and her owner could not afford to have it fixed. A rescue group was aware of the dog and had arranged transport to the vet and also to her new foster home. The shelter was aware of rescues intent to come get the dog. Sadly, Soup was taken by the Class B dealer before rescue was allowed to take Soup. One must question why this happened.

Michigan law allows shelters to sell or give shelter cats and dogs to USDA Class B dealers. The dealers then sell these homeless, abused and abandoned pets to companies and laboratories for a profit. This is known as POUND SEIZURE. Seventeen states have banned pound seizure. Currently only Gratiot and Mecosta County Animal Control Shelters practice pound seizure. As a result of this profit-driven business, every pet in Michigan is at risk of pound seizure regardless of their location. Should your pet ever end up lost and arrive at a shelter that sells to dealers, it could be sold for a wide range of lab experiments in as little as 5 days. Beware that Michigan is also home to THREE of the 10 remaining Class B dealers in the country.

Representatives Espinoza, Huckleberry, Mayes and Terry Brown introduced HB 4663 (Koda's Law) which will prohibit the sales of shelter animals to Class B dealers in the state of Michigan. Passage of HB 4663 will not prohibit legitimate medical research. This bill simply stops shelter dogs and cats from being used as test subjects in lab experiments.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**YOU ARE THE VOICE FOR THESE ANIMALS. PLEASE SPEAK UP ON THEIR BEHALF!
SUPPORT HB 4663 TO PROTECT OUR PETS!**

Contact State Representative Mike Simpson (Democrat, 65th District)

Agriculture Committee Chair

Politely ask him to hold a hearing for HB 4663

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