

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 4
ANIMALS AND FOUL

ARTICLE I
IN GENERAL

No..... Date.....

Approved.....Mayor

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

Section I. Chapter 4 Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended to add the following:

Sec. 4-22. – Pet stores – Prohibition of the sale of dogs and cats.

(a) Definitions: [The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:]

Commercial establishment means any for profit business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship engaged in retail or wholesale commerce related to dogs and cats, including grooming parlors, canine day care, and boarding facilities.

Non-profit rescue organization means any Rhode Island non-profit corporation that is exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) whose mission and practice is, in whole and significant part, the rescue and placement of dogs or cats; or any non-profit organization that is not exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) but is currently an active rescue partner with a City of Warwick shelter or humane society, whose mission is, in whole and significant part, the rescue and placement of dogs or cats.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, give away, transfer, or sell any live dog or cat in any pet store, retail business or other commercial establishment located in the City of Warwick.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the owner, operator, or employees of a pet store, retail business, or other commercial establishment located in the City of Warwick from providing space and appropriate care for animals owned by a city animal shelter or animal

25 control agency, humane society, or non-profit rescue organization and maintain those
26 animals at the pet store retail business or other commercial establishment for the purpose
27 of public adoption.

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29 **Sec. 4 - 23. Violations and penalties.**

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31 Any person who violates, fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section shall be
32 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each separate offense or community service for a
33 period of not more than 90 days or any combination of fine and/or community service. The
34 continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the
35 person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be subject to
36 penalties as provided herein for each separate offense.

Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

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COUNCILMAN RIX

COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE