

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4945

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB
485 (O'DONNELL), THE PET RESCUE &
ADOPTION ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, "Puppy mills" or "kitten factories" are commercial breeding facilities that mass-produce animals for sale to the public, primarily through retail pet stores; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, puppy mills house animals in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions without adequate food, water, socialization or veterinary care and animals bred in these facilities often face an array of health problems, including communicable diseases, behavioral issues and genetic disorders; and

WHEREAS, the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) requires breeders who sell puppies to pet stores to be licensed and inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), however, the standards that these breeders are required to meet by law are extremely minimal; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) introduced AB 485 as an attempt to curtail these operations by supporting access to pet rescue and adoption in California retail pet stores; and

WHEREAS, AB 485 prohibits a pet store operator from selling a live dog, cat, or rabbit in a pet store unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or nonprofit rescue or adoption organization that is in a cooperative agreement with at least one private or public shelter; and

WHEREAS, in light of the potential inhumane conditions, 33 cities and counties in California, including the City of West Hollywood, have banned the retail sale of puppy mill dogs and cats in their local pet stores; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a long history of supporting measures that promote the protection of animal rights, and the City is often recognized as one of the most animal-friendly cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports AB 485, the Pet Rescue and Adoption Act.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 1st day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK