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The Honorable David Durfee, Chair  
Members of the House Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry Committee  
C/o Sydonia Axis Lary, Committee Assistant  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5301

**Re: AKC Follow Up to Questions Posed During Testimony Opposing H.567 (Pet Stores)**

Chair Durfee and Committee Members,

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today on the American Kennel Club's position on H.567. I appreciate your time, and interest in and questions about the subject matter.

Following up on the question of what information pet stores are required to provide to pet purchasers, the Agriculture, Food, and Markets Agency's *Consumer Right to Know Reporting Form*, as required under 20 V.S.A § 3921, includes the following:

- Description of animal, including the breed, if known
- Purchaser name, address, phone number
- Pet Dealer name, address, phone number
- Date purchased and purchase price
- Medical history, if known, including vaccinations and the results of fecal or other medical examinations
- Signatures of Pet Dealer and Purchaser.

The form also provides a Dog or Cat Request for Restitution Form, the text of 20 V.S.A § 3921, and notes on *Vermont Rabies Vaccination and Licensing Laws*.

The form may be viewed at

[http://agriculture.vcms9.vt.prod.cdc.nicusa.com/sites/agriculture/files/doc\\_library/Consumer%20Right%20to%20Know%20Form.pdf](http://agriculture.vcms9.vt.prod.cdc.nicusa.com/sites/agriculture/files/doc_library/Consumer%20Right%20to%20Know%20Form.pdf).

Please note that this is the minimum information required to be provided a purchaser.

Another clarification on the question as to why AKC's website does not list pet shops that purchasers can buy from. AKC registers dogs and litters, and has formal relationships with dog clubs that are either members of AKC or licensed by AKC to conduct dog events conducted under our sports' rules and regulations. Though registrable puppies may be available for purchase through some stores, AKC does not provide licensing or registration of pet stores.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me at [phil.guidry@akc.org](mailto:phil.guidry@akc.org), or my colleague Stacey Ober, AKC Government Relations New England Regional Manager, at [stacey.ober@akc.org](mailto:stacey.ober@akc.org) (available Wednesday, April 17), if we may be able to provide additional information as you consider H.567 or any other dog-related legislation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Guidry". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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