

## The Petstore and AKC Mill Connection

### Federal and State Regulators Accessories to Abuse



The kennel in the photo was licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was inspected twice and the inspectors made no effort to shut it down. There was no heat, no ventilation, and no light inside the old stone barn. The windows had been boarded up. The dogs were very ill.

The head of the department that is supposed to enforce the kennel regulations in Pennsylvania has stated that he does not intend to enforce the regulations in Lancaster County where there are more kennels than any county in the country.

There are approximately 4000 federally licensed kennels in this country. The federal inspectors from the US Department of Agriculture almost never shut down a kennel. They rarely issue citations. They do not pursue kennels operating without license.

The state and federal inspectors do not look at the condition of the dogs.

The inspectors revise the regulations internally to minimize the requirements on the kennels.

The head of the USDA division charged with enforcement has stated that they rely on encouragement rather than enforcement. He has stated that they do not have enough inspectors to enforce the law and therefore will not enforce the law.

Our research establishes that 98% of the puppies sold in petstores were raised in mills. Many puppies purchased in petstores die from diseases shortly after purchase or suffer serious genetic problems causing heartbreak and expense. Puppies born in puppy mills are often sold to brokers who pack them in crates and ship them long distances. Many puppies die in shipment. No reputable breeder would ever sell their puppies to a pet store. Reputable breeders care about getting the proper home for each of their puppies. The AKC knows the conditions in the mills and they still register litters from these places. If the AKC stopped registering the puppies, the public would question the huge price tag in pet stores. The AKC benefits financially every time a litter from a puppy mill is registered. The AKC invalidates any registration for a dog who is turned over to a shelter because they don't trust a shelter with the paperwork, but they trust puppy mills selling thousands of puppies and pet stores manned by teenagers. The AKC has registered dead dogs, female dogs as males and dogs that are clearly not the breed stated on the paperwork. They have stated that they rely on the honesty of the person submitting the paperwork. The accuracy of their records is certainly suspect. The AKC says it is devoted to dogs but it does nothing to help the dogs who are suffering in mills. Instead they make money from the suffering.

When the dogs are used up, they are often shot, hit in the head with a rock or dumped.

Puppies born with genetic conditions or deformities are kept and used as breeding stock because they cannot be sold.

The conditions in the mills are unrelentingly brutal and terrifying for the dogs. Many eventually lose their minds. Their eyes glaze over and they withdraw. They frequently develop repetitive behaviors like licking, biting their fur and going round and round in circles inside the cages.

The dogs become so depressed by the mind-numbing boredom of being locked in a small cage day after week after month after year that they lose their minds.

The dogs never get out of the wire kennels. They never touch ground. They never run in the grass.



Dogs are often trapped in cages with aggressive dogs and have no way to escape. Their bodies are often mutilated. These dogs have committed no crime. They are no different than your beloved pets. They long to be free, safe, warm, and loved. Instead they are in miserable prisons suffering horrors inflicted by man all for greed.

## The Facts About Puppymills

### Prisoners of Greed Puppymills Breed Misery



#### Her Name is Hope.

She is a 6 year old Maltese from a puppymill. She weighed 2 pounds. She was extremely malnourished. Her teeth were rotten. Infection had spread through her body. Her long hair had fallen out. It was time for her to be killed. Hope has been saved. She asks you to give HOPE to millions of dogs suffering in puppymills.

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*All it takes for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing.*





Ace is blind because of a genetic defect. He was a breeder dog in a mill in Texas.



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Bari's head is always cocked from neurological damage.



Nebraska Prison



The chain had grown into Justice's neck. It took 4 hours of surgery and 72 stitches to remove the chain.



Missouri



Lancaster, Pennsylvania



The parents of the puppies in the petstores look like Hartley.



Hope



Storey's teeth had rotted away, and an abscess formed under his eye. His foot was cut off by the wires.



Nebraska



Missy had good reason to be sad. All but one of her puppies were drowned in a Missouri puppy mill flood. She had a broken tooth that was impacted and a uterine infection that would have killed her in addition to parasites and heartworms.



The hernia in the pug was as large as a grapefruit.



This dead puppy was going to be dumped in the trash.



Nebraska hell



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The dog is lying down because he's dead.



Derry's jaw was broken when a metal pipe was shoved down her throat to rupture her vocal cords.



Lancaster, Pennsylvania



This bulldog was blind from an untreated eye condition.