

Take A Look Inside PUPPY MILLS

...the Shocking Reality Behind That Adorable "Puppy in the Window"



A puppy mill is a mass breeding operation, designed purely for profit. These are the operations that ship puppies all over the country, to stock pet stores. Other "puppy mill puppies" are sold via the Internet, from beautifully-designed websites that lead unsuspecting buyers to believe that their puppy is coming from a top-quality breeder. Community "Trade Days" as well as newspaper classified ads are also employed to sell puppies, just like merchandise. Sellers employ a wide array of tactics to separate unsuspecting puppy-buyers from their money, including outright lies that they are NOT a puppy mill or that their puppies have been raised around children in a loving environment. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.



Buyers assume, when they are paying hundreds or thousands of dollars for a registered, purebred puppy, they are somehow getting the healthiest animal possible, and one from superior bloodlines. The reality is, that in a puppy mill, overbreeding and inbreeding are the norm - as well as little to no veterinary care, poor quality diets, filthy living conditions and overcrowded cages. These inhumane practices often result in chronically-sick puppies or puppies with genetic defects that do not become apparent until adulthood. Veterinarians across the country, as well as animal rescue organizations, hear story after tragic story about puppies that have come from this environment. No animal should ever have to endure such cruelty.



As horrific as the life of a puppy mill PUPPY is, it pales in comparison to the lonely, cruel existence of a puppy mill "breeder dog". These dogs live their lives in a cage, churning out litter after litter of puppies, until their little bodies basically give out. These dogs never know what it is like to truly be a dog: to chase a tennis ball across the yard, to curl up on a warm dog bed for a nap - or to even have a name. Worst of all, these dogs never know what it is like to be loved by a human being or to experience kindness. The worst blow of all is that, when they are no longer able to produce litters of puppies, they are either thrown away like trash or they are killed. In a puppy miller's eyes, they are no longer a money maker for the operation.



Further Repercussions Of Greed...

Puppy mills add to the already staggering problem of animal overpopulation. While millions of loving, healthy, innocent animals



are put to death every year in city shelters, puppy mills continue to add to these numbers every day - all in the name of making a buck. Look into the eyes of any shelter animal waiting for a loving home and you will realize that the issue of puppy mills is one that is too important to ignore. THESE ANIMALS WHO SUFFER IN SILENCE DESERVE TO HAVE A VOICE.

Don't Be a Part of the Problem. Become a Part of the Solution.

Puppy mills stay in business because there is a demand for their "product" and because most of the general public is unaware that they exist. When we shop (for ANY merchandise) at stores that sell puppies, we contribute to this demand. Resist the urge to buy a puppy from a pet store. Don't be lured in by the claims of a website or ad. **THE VOTE YOU CAST WITH YOUR WALLET IS THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL YOU HAVE TO HELP STOP THE CRUELTY OF THIS UNDERGROUND INDUSTRY.**



To Learn More About Puppy Mills, and What You Can Do to Help Stop Them, Visit:
www.stoppupmills.org



Rabbits, Chicks and Ducklings

are also mass-produced in a similar fashion to meet the buying public's demand for "Easter presents". These tiny creatures face horrific neglect and abuse as a part of this cycle every year. Many face a premature death, because of ill-equipped and ill-prepared pet owners (or because they didn't happen to "sell" in time for the holiday). No animal should ever be a surprise gift for someone - at any time of year. For more information, visit the **North Texas Rabbit Sanctuary** website at: www.ntrs.org and the **Columbus House Rabbit Society** website at: www.makeminechocolate.org.

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American Boston Terrier Rescue
972.407.4440; www.bostonterrierrescue.net

Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)
www.animalrescueklub.org; 972.562.HELP

Animal Rescue of Texas
www.animalrescueoftexas.org; 214.276.7802

Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)
214.520.7000; www.campwolfgang.petfinder.com

Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.
www.chihuahua-rescue.org

City Pet Rescue (CPR)
www.citypetrescue.com

Coppell Humane Society
www.coppellhumanesociety.com; 972.462.1121

Dachshund Lovers of Texas
www.dachshundloversoftexas.org; 214.577.7536

DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue
www.dfwcockerrescue.8m.com; 972.994.1133

DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue Club
972.881.5544; www.dfwlabrescue.org

DFW Sheltie Rescue
www.sheltie.org; 972.994.7848

East Lake Pet Orphanage
214.349.ELPO (3576); www.elpo.org

Frisco Humane Society
www.friscohumanesociety.com; 972.498.8980

Great Dane Angel Network Rescue
817.361.9855; www.daneangelnetwork.org

Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
www.hartoftexas.org; 214.332.9535

Humane Society of Flower Mound
www.fmhs.org; 972.691.7387

Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)
www.starspets.com; 972.459.9181

Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)
www.SPINrescue.org; 972.681.8585

Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.
www.scottiekingdom.com

Southern Star MinPin Rescue, Inc.
www.ssmpr.org; 1.866.331.PINS

Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue
www.tassieshope.org; 214.550.2648

Texas Animal Shelter Coalition
817.392.3737; www.sheltercoalition.com

Texas Tailwaggers Shelter Rescue
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Westie Rescue of North Texas
214.432.7541; www.wrnt.org

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