

# Where Will You Find Your Next Pet?



**WHERE you find your next pet** is as vitally important as selecting the right type of pet, the right breed, and the appropriate size and energy level for your lifestyle. Many well-meaning soon-to-be pet owners think a steep price tag and registration papers ensure that their animal has come from a top breeder. This all-too-common assumption is a tragic myth.

Puppy mill owners, backyard breeders and pet brokers are counting on the general public staying in the dark on this topic. They are also counting on animal welfare laws remaining lax and for the legal grey areas to enable this unregulated industry to "fly under the radar". The tide will turn only when animal lovers educate themselves on the facts and finally say "enough is enough". Will you be a part of the problem or the solution?

## What Are Puppy Mills & Backyard Breeders?

Puppy mills (also called puppy farms or commercial breeders) are mass breeding operations where profit is the one and only concern. Animals endure unthinkable suffering and live in deplorable conditions. Overbreeding and inbreeding are the norm, as well as little to no veterinary care. From time to time, you'll hear in the news about one of these operations being raided, and literally hundreds of animals being seized by authorities. Sadly, this accounts for a very small percentage, as far as the overall numbers are concerned. Puppy mills thrive in secrecy across the country, because there is consumer demand for their product.

Backyard breeders are basically a smaller-scale version of a puppy mill. Responsible breeding practices are of little to no concern. Profit is the #1 motive. Adequate standards of care and breed knowledge are lacking. Illness and genetic defects in animals coming from backyard breeders are common.

Both of these sources not only perpetuate the already-staggering problem of animal overpopulation, they perpetuate an industry of cruelty. And that cruelty must stop.



## BEFORE You Open Your Wallet, Consider This...

Reputable, responsible breeders **DO NOT SELL THEIR PUPPIES TO PET STORES.** They do not sell puppies at community "Trades Day" events or flea markets. If you support these venues with your dollars,

you are most likely buying a puppy mill puppy or one from a backyard breeder. By doing so, you are not "rescuing" an animal, you are supporting an industry of animal cruelty.

Responsible breeders rarely (if ever) advertise. Instead, they carefully screen and select homes for their puppies well in advance of the birth. They demonstrate extensive knowledge about the breed and do not sell multiple breeds. Facilities are in pristine condition and at least one parent is on the premises.

## Be A Part of the Solution...

An estimated 5 million animals are destroyed in U.S. city shelters every year. Coincidentally (or not) an estimated 5 million puppies are produced in U.S. puppy mills every year. At least 30% of animals in city shelters are purebred. Countless pure and mixed breed animals are also waiting in private rescue groups to be adopted. The choice is yours. Will you be a part of the solution?



**Visit The Online Resources Below to Learn More About Puppy Mills, and the Steps YOU Can Take to Help Make a Difference!**  
[www.asPCA.org/fight-animal-cruelty/puppy-mills](http://www.asPCA.org/fight-animal-cruelty/puppy-mills)  
[www.stoppupmills.org](http://www.stoppupmills.org)



## When You Buy, They Die



(Puppy Mill Photos Courtesy of The Humane Society of the United States)

**American Boston Terrier Rescue**  
 972.407.4440; [www.bostonterrierrescue.net](http://www.bostonterrierrescue.net)

**Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)**  
[www.animalrescueklub.org](http://www.animalrescueklub.org); 972.562.HELP

**Animal Rescue of Texas**  
[www.animalrescueoftexas.org](http://www.animalrescueoftexas.org); 214.276.7802

**Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)**  
 214.755.1627; [www.campwolfgang.org](http://www.campwolfgang.org)

**Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.**  
[www.chihuahua-rescue.org](http://www.chihuahua-rescue.org)

**Coppell Humane Society**  
[www.coppellhumanesociety.com](http://www.coppellhumanesociety.com); 972.462.1121

**Dachshund Lovers of Texas**  
[www.dachshundloversoftexas.org](http://www.dachshundloversoftexas.org); 214.577.7536

**DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue**  
[www.dfwcockerrescue.org](http://www.dfwcockerrescue.org); 972.994.1133

**DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue Club**  
 972.881.5544; [www.dfwlabrescue.org](http://www.dfwlabrescue.org)

**DFW Sheltie Rescue**  
[www.sheltie.org](http://www.sheltie.org); 972.994.7848

**DFW Tzus And More Rescue**  
[www.dfwtzusandmorerescue.com](http://www.dfwtzusandmorerescue.com); 888.290.3335

**East Lake Pet Orphanage**  
 214.349.ELPO (3576); [www.elpo.org](http://www.elpo.org)

**Frisco Humane Society**  
[www.friscohumanesociety.com](http://www.friscohumanesociety.com); 972.498.8980

**Great Dane Angel Network Rescue**  
 817.361.9855; [www.daneangelnetwork.org](http://www.daneangelnetwork.org)

**Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)**  
[www.hartoftexas.org](http://www.hartoftexas.org); 214.332.9535

**Humane Society of Flower Mound**  
[www.fmhs.org](http://www.fmhs.org); 972.691.7387

**Labrador Retriever Rescue of North Texas**  
[www.labrescuenorthtexas.org](http://www.labrescuenorthtexas.org); 972.480.LABS (5227)

**Richardson Humane Society**  
[www.richardsonhumanesociety.org](http://www.richardsonhumanesociety.org); 972.234.5117

**Sadie Foundation**  
[www.sadie.petfinder.com](http://www.sadie.petfinder.com); k9kids1@verizon.net

**Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)**  
[www.starspets.com](http://www.starspets.com); 972.459.9181

**Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)**  
[www.SPINrescue.org](http://www.SPINrescue.org); 972.681.8585

**Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.**  
[www.scottiekingdom.com](http://www.scottiekingdom.com)

**Sparky's Pals Humane Education**  
[www.sparkypals.org](http://www.sparkypals.org); 214.823.PALS (7257)

**Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue**  
[www.tassieshope.org](http://www.tassieshope.org); 214.550.2648

**Texas Animal Shelter Coalition**  
 817.392.3737; [www.sheltercoalition.com](http://www.sheltercoalition.com)

**Rescue Friends Coalition**  
[www.rescuefriends.org](http://www.rescuefriends.org); rescuefriends@verizon.net

**"Just 1 Litter" Is 1 Litter Too Many. Please Spay Or Neuter Your Pet.**