

Federally Licensed Brokers purchase puppies from puppy mills and transport them in vans, trucks, and planes across the country to be sold in pet shops.



Puppy mill puppies inside a truck for shipment

At pet shops, puppies are put on display, where they are often forced to sleep on wire grates in small, poorly ventilated and dirty cages.

Puppy tries to keep his paws off the painful wire in a pet shop



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Dogs in a typical puppy mill



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This Is the Face



Of A Puppy Mill Dog





An Oklahoma puppy mill with 1,000 dogs in cages

Almost All Pet Shop Puppies Come From Puppy Mills



Puppies on display in a pet shop

Puppy Mills are commercial breeding facilities that mass-produce puppies for resale. They are generally filthy, overcrowded, and the dogs living in them don't receive proper veterinary care.



A matted breeding dog shivers on his frozen water dish

Unsuspecting customers will purchase puppies at pet shops, only to discover that the dogs have illnesses or behavioral problems stemming from their time in the puppy mill/pet shop supply chain. Staggering vet bills and aggressive behavior can force many customers to abandon their animals at shelters.

Pet Shop Kittens Can Also Come from Mills



Filthy kittens in a Nebraska kitten mill

The breeding dogs in puppy mills spend their entire lives in wretched confinement, exposed to the elements. At the end of their reproductive years, they are usually killed, often by cruel means.

Half a million puppies are born in puppy mills every year.



A shelter dog waits for a new guardian

Three Million Dogs and Cats Died in Animal Shelters Last Year

Five out of ten dogs and seven out of ten cats are destroyed at animal shelters every year, simply because there is no one to adopt them. You can save them and help stop the puppy mill life cycle. **Adopt, don't shop.**