









Finding a Reputable Breeder

Locate reputable breeders by asking for referrals from your veterinarian or professional dog trainers, contacting local breed clubs, or by attending dog shows.

Remember that reputable breeders:

-  Specialize in only one or two breeds of dog and are knowledgeable about breed standards and potential breed-specific genetic problems.
-  Often keep the dogs in the home as part of the family and will welcome you to see where the dogs spend most of their time.
-  Encourage you to spend time with the puppy's parents (at minimum the mother) and encourage multiple visits prior to taking the puppy home.
-  Want your entire family to meet the puppy and discuss care and "rules" for the household.
-  Have a strong relationship with a veterinarian and will provide documentation of the puppy's vet visits and medical history.
-  Provide a written contract and health guarantee. They will ask you to sign a contract stating that you will return the dog to the breeder should you be unable to keep the dog at any point during its lifetime.
-  Understand healthy breeding patterns for the females, so puppies are not always available.
-  Maintain a list of people interested in the next available litter.

When choosing a dog, focus on:

- local and national animal shelters and sanctuaries
- purebred rescue/placement groups
- reputable breeders
- online placement groups such as www.petfinder.com



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Donations Welcomed!

The financial support of our generous donors is critical to our continued efforts! Without your support, the work we do on behalf of the dogs would not be possible.

Please send donations to:

UAPM, PO Box 7202, Lancaster, PA 17604

Or, donate through PayPal by visiting our website.

United Against Puppy Mills is a federally approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Volunteer

Volunteers are integral to our success and are empowered to become effective advocates. Your involvement speaks for thousands of innocent, mistreated puppy mill dogs that cannot speak for themselves.

In an effort to effectively bring about change in the commercial dog breeding industry (puppy mills), UAPM's work is directed through three distinct groups: zoning, legislation, and public awareness.

Please volunteer to help end the cycle of cruelty today!

About UAPM

United Against Puppy Mills was founded and organized on March 31, 2005 by residents of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. There are no paid employees and work continues solely through the effort of volunteers. UAPM is an incorporated, federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The primary charitable mission of United Against Puppy Mills is to promote awareness and provide training and support for people interested in effecting positive action for the elimination of puppy mills as they currently exist.



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Buyer Beware

Ready to add a new canine companion to your household?

If you are considering purchasing a puppy, it is important to know that puppy mill puppies are often sold through the internet, newspaper ads, brokers, and dealers. Puppy mills also sell directly to the public, often putting forth the appearance of a reputable breeder.

Did you know that most pet stores purchase their puppies from puppy mills? Their motive is purely monetary — higher profits. These stores want "product" in large volume for the lowest price possible and that's what puppy mills are in business to provide. Pet stores also bank on the relationship between families and their new puppies being so strong that puppies who begin to exhibit health or behavioral problems will not be returned. Wanting to "rescue" a puppy from its cage at the pet store only reinforces the cycle of supply and demand that keeps puppy mills profitable.

Know Your Rights

If you have encountered a health problem with a pet obtained directly or indirectly from a puppy mill, you have legal recourse under certain conditions. In Pennsylvania, the **Dog Purchaser Protection Act** (commonly referred to as the *Puppy Lemon Law*) mandates refunds or reimbursement of veterinary expenses within a specified period of time after a sale. Learn more by visiting the official website of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (a link and condensed version is provided on our website), or call 800-441-2555 to request a copy.

Been a victim? We'd like to hear your story.

Visit us online at UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org.



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What Is a Puppy Mill?

Puppy mills are commercial enterprises which breed dogs in significant numbers for profit.

These unfortunate dogs often:

- become a disposable commodity
- receive little or no veterinary care
- are unprotected from the weather
- live in crowded cages
- endure filthy conditions
- are vocally mutilated to end barking
- are perpetually pregnant

How You Can Help

Volunteer, donate, and spread the word. Speak for thousands of mistreated puppy mill dogs that cannot speak for themselves.

Please visit us online to learn more.

Recent Pennsylvania statistics revealed:

- 1,667 licensed commercial kennels
- 254 of these kennels are licensed to house more than 251 breeding dogs each
- 156,534 total dogs kept in commercial breeding facilities

FACT
The combined total of dogs housed in Lancaster County's ten largest commercial kennels is 4,988 dogs.

Current Pennsylvania Kennel Regulations allow for:

- No human socialization for kennel dogs or their puppies
- No exercise; a dog can be confined to a cage its entire life
- No resting periods between litters; there are no limitations on the number of litters a female can produce
- No minimum age before a dog starts breeding
- No running water
- No heat or other environmental temperature controls
- No solid surfaces or solid resting areas in the cage. Cages can have open mesh/wire floors where dogs spend their entire lives.
- Cages can be stacked, exposing dogs below to excrement from those above.
- No prenatal feeding requirements
- No physical examination of dogs required during official kennel inspections
- No monitoring of genetic defects
- No requirements for disposal of dog waste
- Cages to be cleaned while occupied by the dogs
- No acceptable form of euthanasia
- An individual to commit an act of animal cruelty and continue to operate a kennel
- A dog to live its entire life tethered by a chain

Join our commitment to changing the laws.

Your voice counts!

Please visit our website for valuable information and resources

- ▶ how you can help end the chain of cruelty
- ▶ additional Buyer Beware information
- ▶ online kennel inspection reports
- ▶ how to file a complaint against a kennel
- ▶ links to government agencies
- ▶ events and fundraising
- ▶ current legislation and zoning information

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