

Recent Pa Statistics Revealed

- There were 1,293 kennels licensed to breed, sell or transfer dogs
- 144 "C" and "K" kennels licensed to have over 250 dogs
- a recorded 520,788 dogs kept in "C" and "K" kennels

67 COUNTIES
46 DOG WARDENS

Please visit our website for valuable information and resources

- ▶ Act 119 and kennel class definitions and regulations
- ▶ Online kennel inspection reports
- ▶ How to file a complaint against a kennel
- ▶ Links to government agencies
- ▶ UAPM events, legislation and zoning information

Know Your Rights

The **Dog Purchaser Protection Act** (commonly referred to as the *Puppy Lemon Law*) protects buyers in Pennsylvania. Visit the Pennsylvania Attorney General's website. A link and condensed version is provided on our website, or call 800-441-2555 to request a copy

Report abuse or other dog-related problems to the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at 1-866-601-SPCA.

www.UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org

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.

Please Volunteer, the dogs need you now.

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, UAPM's work is directed through three distinct groups: zoning, legislation, and public awareness.

We invite you to visit us online to download a volunteer application and share your area of interest.

About UAPM

United Against Puppy Mills is a fact-based advocacy group 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 by educating the public about the unethical breeding practices and inhumane living conditions that breeder dogs endure in mills so that we can move towards the elimination of puppy mills.



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Working Together to Break the Chain of Cruelty

Puppy Shopping?

Shop Smart!

See inside for these tips and more:

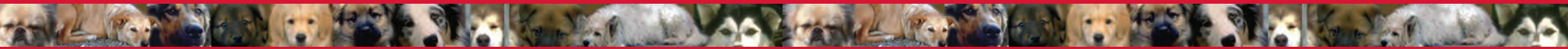
- identifying reputable breeders
- buying a healthy dog
- where NOT to shop



*Research before you buy,
you can make a difference!*

Learn • Donate • Volunteer

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What Is a Puppy Mill?

Puppy mills are commercial enterprises breeding dogs in significant numbers, producing purebred and mixed/hybrid puppies for profit. Kennels can have hundreds of dogs without properly trained staff to care for them, keeping profits forefront.

Females are bred at every heat cycle. They can suffer—untreated—from uterine infections, mammary cancers, and organs fused together from botched cesareans.

Dogs are caged their entire lives, often with other dogs. Cage aggression is rampant. Dogs can develop repetitive behaviors such as circling incessantly, can become neurotic, and may eventually go insane. Unprofitable dogs are commonly killed inhumanely or abandoned.

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

An estimated 98% of dogs sold through pet stores are from puppy mills.

Buyer Beware

At puppy mills profit is paramount so costs are often kept to the barest minimum. Overcrowding, poor health-management, and unclean conditions create an environment for parasites and viruses to flourish.

A puppy may become sick after it is in your care. Many health issues require immediate, costly, and sometimes ongoing medical treatment for chronic conditions. Irresponsible breeding practices may cause undesirable personality traits and/or serious genetic defects to surface later. Dogs may not grow into the promised breed.

Don't be Misled

- Puppies are sold through:
 - websites (often offering many breeds)
 - pet stores
 - newspaper ads
 - signs posted in stores or along the road
 - brokers and dealers
- Websites can easily misrepresent a mill as a high-end kennel and tout "lovingly family raised" with photos of puppies frolicking about... with no mention of the parents
- Puppy mills are commonly found in remote locations, farms, woods - where dogs are hidden from the public's eye. Housing can be a barn, rabbit hutch, chicken shed, hog house, garage, and basements
- Just because a kennel has a license to operate and has been inspected does not mean its dogs are treated humanely, conditions at USDA-licensed kennels have been among the worst



Buying Guidelines:

Below are a few guidelines to help you to be part of the solution.

- ☒ See the puppy's mother and her living conditions in person, before making a decision.
- ☒ Make sure the mom is showing direct interest in the puppy so you know it is hers.
- ☒ Don't buy on impulse.
- ☒ Research the seller through the Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law database or the Federal USDA website. Both links are provided at UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org.
- ☒ Reputable breeders do not sell through pet stores.
- ☒ AKC and ACA are merely bloodline registries that profit greatly from registering puppy names *but in no way means a puppy came from ethical breeding practices*. Mills, websites and pet stores may use name registries as a selling tactic because the public assumes this indicates a reputable breeder.



Recommended Resources for Finding Your Next Canine Companion

- Local and national animal shelters and sanctuaries
- Purebred rescues and online placement sites such as: www.petfinder.com
www.petsmartcharities.org
www.petango.com
- Reputable breeders

***Millions of dogs are euthanized in the US every year, please ADOPT, don't shop!
You can make a difference through your choices.***