



Puppy Mill FACTS

Millions of animals are killed annually because more dogs are bred than can be placed in loving homes.

- If everyone adopted an animal this year, instead of buying one, the killing would virtually stop.
- Up to 40% of the puppies will die during transport from puppy mill to pet store, either due to illness or horrible transport conditions.
- Many puppies bred in puppy mills have severe genetic problems due to inbreeding, and many people who purchase these puppies face excessive veterinary bills because of severe diseases.
- Buying anything at a pet store that sells puppy mill puppies supports a cruel industry that breeds animals for maximum profit while millions of wonderful dogs and cats die at shelters.
- Animal shelters and rescue groups have a large variety of healthy, adoptable pets—25% of which are purebred.
- Pet stores can stem the tide of death by working with local rescue groups to adopt animals, rather than sell them.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- ✓ **Adopt** your next dog or puppy.
- ✓ **Boycott stores** that sell puppies from puppy mills. And make sure to tell the store owner why you will not shop there.
- ✓ **Be a Guardian, not an owner, of your animal companion.** Never purchase an animal or treat them as an object.
- ✓ **Educate people about puppy mills.** Contact IDA for more of these postcards to distribute in your community.

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