

Petland and Puppy Mills

The sad truth

Petland's puppies come from puppy mills - commercial mass breeding facilities where female dogs are forced to produce litter upon litter until their reproductive capacities are completely spent and where their puppies live in cramped, filthy cages that make them sick.

Puppy mills raise anywhere from several dozen to several thousand dogs at once, mostly in hutch-style cages with wire floors designed to let feces and urine drop through. Cages are often stacked four or five high, so excrement falls on the puppies in the lower levels. Excess waste accumulates on the ground and attracts swarms of flies, rodents, and other scavengers who constantly torment the puppies.

When the puppies are about six weeks old, they are cleaned up, packed several to a crate, and

shipped hundreds or sometimes thousands of miles to Petland outlets. Some are so ill that they don't survive the difficult journey.



Please take action to put puppy mills out of business!

Millions of healthy dogs are euthanized in U.S. shelters every year because homes cannot be found for them. By purchasing dogs from puppy mills, Petland not only supports an inhumane industry, but takes potential homes away from thousands of animals whose lives are at stake.

It is time for Petland to stop exploiting animals for profit. They can save animals' lives by not selling puppies and by helping local shelters and rescue groups educate the public and adopt out animals who need homes.

- ▶ Join IDA's boycott of Petland. Purchase pet food and supplies from stores that don't sell animals.
- ▶ Educate your friends, family, and co-workers about Petland's support of cruel puppy mills and urge them to shop elsewhere.
- ▶ Protest Petland. Contact us to find a Petland near you, to learn if protests are already taking place, and for additional flyers.
- ▶ Tell Petland's CEO that you will not support their business until they stop selling animals from puppy mills.

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- ▶ Save a life. Adopt an animal from a shelter or breed-specific rescue group instead of buying one from a pet store or commercial breeder.
- ▶ Be a guardian, not an "owner" of your animal companion.

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