

"90% OF ALL PUPPIES SOLD AT PET STORES ARE FROM PUPPY MILLS" as reported by the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States.

When you purchase that sweet little puppy from a pet store, you are contributing to the livelihood of inhumane puppy mill breeding practices and dog brokers.

Imagine your whole life lived in a cage - barely large enough to turn around in; always walking on a wire grid, exposed to extreme heat and cold. Probably deprived of adequate food, water, medical care. Forced bred every 6 month heat season to breed and have litters. Then your offspring ripped away from you at 5 or 6 week. When the size of your litters dwindles, you are killed, usually shot or drowned, and thrown in a trench for burial. If you can imagine this, then you know the life of dog in the puppy mill..

**I WANT A PUPPY OR A DOG, WHAT DO I DO?**

Purchase-Contact your local AKC club or a specific national breed club thru [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) for referrals of specific breeds. The "specialty clubs" will put you in contact with breeders allowing you to purchase a good quality healthy puppy, bred out of love for the breed, not love of money. They probably also have a breed specific rescue committee too.

Adoption - [www.petfinders.com](http://www.petfinders.com) - there are thousands of dogs available from shelters or breed specific rescue or owners who can no longer keep them as well as shelters.

Visit local animal shelters. Talk to them about the type of dog you are looking for.