

PUPPIES AREN'T PRODUCTS!

BOYCOTT All Pet Stores that Sell Puppies

Alley Cat Pet Store (Vancouver) • Fairwood Pet Center (Renton) • Puppyland (Puyallup)



An estimated 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized every year.

The Humane Society of the United States, 2012



Every eight seconds a dog or cat is put to sleep in U.S. shelters.

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Don't Shop... Adopt.

Never Buy a Puppy in a Pet Store or Online!

Most pet store puppies and online puppies come from puppy mills. Puppy mill dogs are housed in cramped, filthy conditions without sufficient veterinary care, food, water and socialization. The breeding dogs are bred as often as possible without rest between litters, in order to increase profits. Unlike Responsible Breeders, who place the utmost importance on producing the healthiest puppies possible, puppy mills breed without consideration of genetic quality.

Illness and disease are common in dogs from puppy mills. Because puppy mill operators often fail to apply proper husbandry practices that remove sick dogs from their breeding pools, puppies from puppy mills are prone to hereditary conditions. In addition, lack of sanitary conditions in puppy mills can leave puppies with other diseases. These can include:

Epilepsy • Heart and Kidney disease • Hip dysplasia • Luxating patellas • Blood disorders • Deafness • Glaucoma
Eye problems • Respiratory disorders • Giardia • Parvo virus • Pneumonia • Fleas • Chronic diarrhea • Dental issues

In May 2013, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association published a study done by the Penn School of Veterinary Medicine in which Penn researchers found evidence that puppies purchased from pet stores show an increased prevalence for behavioral problems as adults.

Pet store puppies (*versus puppies from Reputable Breeders*) showed an increased risk of aggression toward their owners and other dogs, as well as a greater chance of escaping, roaming, and running away. The study said puppies that end up in pet stores often live a disrupted early life and tend to be poorly socialized; they are weaned and separated from their litters too early.

Save-A-Mutt believes that reputable breeders DO NOT advertise on Craig's List, sell puppies to pet stores, sell puppies with online ads, sell puppies with road side signs! There are hundreds of dogs ready to be adopted today! www.save-a-mutt.org

