

WHY YOU **SHOULDN'T BUY** A PUPPY FROM A PET STORE LIKE **PETLAND**



This kennel, which has supplied puppies to several Petland stores, represents a typical USDA-licensed facility. Petland touts a USDA license as a stamp of quality, yet licensing standards are so minimal that it's perfectly legal for dogs to be caged this way for their entire lives.

- **Many pet stores that sell puppies are propping up puppy mills**, mass breeding facilities where dogs are crammed into filthy, barren cages with minimal exercise, vet care, or human contact.
- **Breeding dogs at puppy mills spend their entire lives in cages without human companionship.** When their fertility wanes, they're destroyed or discarded.
- **Many pet stores mislead customers about the sources of their dogs.** Petland boasts that it deals only with USDA licensed breeders. Yet licensing requirements are minimal, and many breeders remain licensed despite repeated violations of even these basic standards.
- **Dogs of all shapes and sizes, including purebreds, are available for adoption at shelters and rescue groups.**

See video from The HSUS's Petland investigation and learn more about adopting a dog or finding a responsible breeder at

[humanesociety.org/pupmills](https://www.humanesociety.org/pupmills).



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