

# 2024 Colorado Import Audit

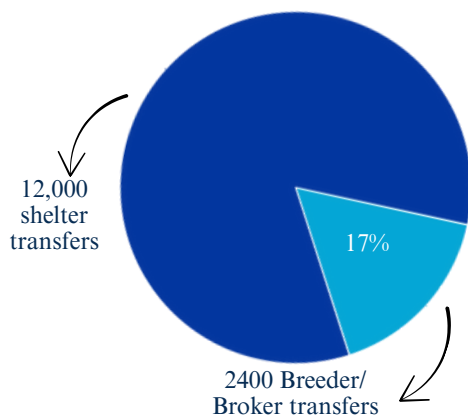
## performed by Bailing Out Benji

Due to the conversation surrounding sunseting PACFA, Bailing Out Benji was asked to perform an audit of all incoming dogs and puppies to show the state of Colorado the scope of the issues that they will be discussing. Our methodology included receiving all incoming Certificates of Veterinary Inspection from the state of Colorado for the year 2024, which are documents that are required when animals cross state lines. We went through each import record to determine where the animals originated from and where they were going in order to put this report together for the department and any interested lawmakers.

*Bailing Out Benji's research team audited more than 10,000 CVI records to determine the following information.*

*\*Please note that each record may have more than one animal listed as being transferred.*

### Rescue and Shelter Imports



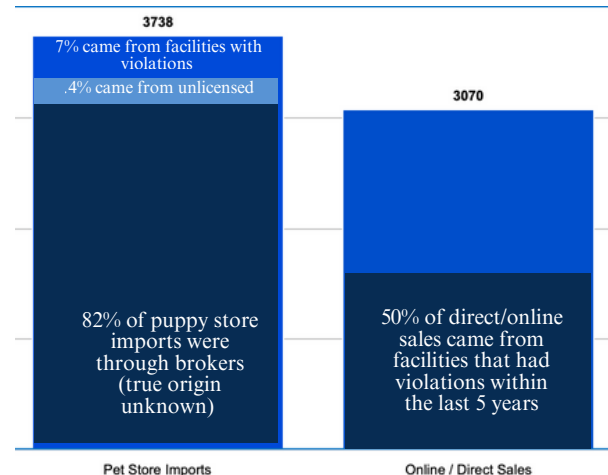
After auditing the origins of more than 14,400 dogs and puppies entering the state of Colorado and going to sheltering organizations in 2024, we have determined that **17% of canines being imported are coming from dog breeding or brokering facilities**. The majority of the breeder imports are coming to rescue organizations and not government-funded shelters. Several PACFA-licensed rescues appear to only import dogs from brokering facilities or breeders. Further breakdown of the breeder to rescue data shows that 50% of imports were from unlicensed breeders, 44% of imports were from licensed breeders, 4% of imports were from licensed brokers, and 2% were from dog auctions. We were able to determine that 13% of the dogs/puppies imported from breeders and brokers had violations, and 24% were imported without identifying breeder information.

### Breeder to Breeder/Broker Imports

In 2024 at least 480 dogs or puppies that were imported into the state of Colorado were going to destinations that appeared to be breeding or brokering facilities. We were able to determine that **98% of the animals were either going to or leaving facilities that we believe hold improper or no licensing**. This portion of the audit has triggered complaints on 13 facilities both inside and outside of Colorado.

### Pet Store Imports

After auditing 3,738 puppy imports into retail stores in Colorado, it was determined that 82% of the puppies are coming from USDA-licensed brokers, with their true origin unknown. Meanwhile, 7% of the puppies came from facilities with violations, and .4% came from unlicensed operations.



### Direct/Online Sales

After auditing the direct or personal sales, it was determined that 58% of the imports came from states that require no licensing for dog breeders, while 14% were listed as coming from a transport company with violations and without the origin known. Of the states that required licensing, we have found that 50% of the puppies came from places that had violations and 8% are coming through brokers. This portion of the audit triggered complaints on 14 facilities both inside and outside of Colorado.