

How can we help YOU?

At Bailing Out Benji, we are dedicated to humane education. We send out volunteer ambassadors into the community to raise awareness about puppy mills and other animal issues. Some of the ways we integrate ourselves into the community are:

- Free presentations at universities/events (regarding puppy mills).
- Hosting educational booths at rescue events, local libraries, universities, pet expos and humane pet stores.
- Peaceful protests in front of pet stores that sell puppy mill dogs.
- Design and fundraise to put puppy mill PSA's on public transit.
- Media Outreach: We have done several radio interviews, news interviews and were chosen to be in the national documentary "Dog By Dog". The film, Dog By Dog, exposes the industries that protect puppy mill owners, while educating about the plight of puppy mill dogs.



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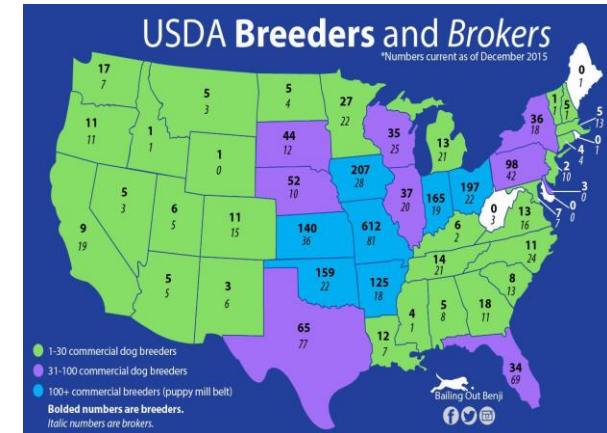
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DID YOU KNOW?



There are approximately 10,000 puppy mills in the United States.

With the Midwest being known as the "puppy mill belt", there are over 100,000 adult dogs trapped in puppy mills across the country. With your help we can change that!

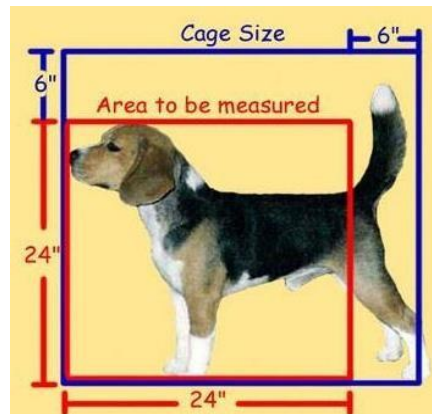
What is a Puppy Mill?

A puppy mill is any breeding facility where the profit is valued over the health and well-being of the dogs.

- They have dozens to hundreds of dogs trapped in cages 24/7, with no protection from the weather.
- The dogs receive little-to-no veterinary care. Illnesses and injuries are ignored.
- Dogs are bred every heat cycle until their bodies give out. Puppies are bred at their first heat cycle (6 months old). This means a 5 year old dog can have had almost 10 litters in her life.
- Puppy mill dogs are housed in all sorts of cages. Including stacked cages in semi-trailers and even rabbit hutches.
- The puppies are taken from their moms too early and are often riddled with genetic defects.
- Puppies are sold to pet stores or online.



Lulabelle was rescued from a puppy mill after being trapped for 10 years. In that time, she had almost 20 litters of puppies, but received no vet care. She lost all of her teeth, had a bowed spine and splayed toes from spending years on wire for her entire life.



How are puppy mills legal?

Most puppy mills are licensed and inspected by the USDA. Some of the "rules" they have to follow include:

- The cage size must be 6 inches larger than the dog, on all sides.
- Up to 12 dogs can be housed in one cage.
- The dogs never need to be let out of their cages, so long as there is a written exercise plan. (No proof about execution of said plan is required).
- There is no limit to the number of dogs a breeder can have. Many have thousands.
- There is no age limit for dogs. As long as they are producing, they are kept.

Did we mention that these inspections are risk based? The USDA may not come for up to 2-3 years.

What can YOU do to help?

- Adopt your next dog or cat from your nearest shelter or rescue. Check out petfinder.com to see adoptables in your area!
- Boycott pet stores that sell puppies or kittens (yes there are kitten mills too!) Don't even give these stores your money for their products.
- Report any questionable breeders that you come in contact with. Contact us and we can help!
- Organize or attend a local pet store protest!
- Contact your legislators and tell them that you want stronger laws to protect our companion animals!
- Tell everyone you know about puppy mills!
- Invite us to come and educate your friends, family and coworkers. We offer free presentations in order to raise awareness about puppy mills!

