

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in request that standards of care with strict oversight be set up for all rescue groups and those housing dogs for purchase or adoption within the state of CT. I am an animal lover and have always adopted rescue dogs. I was under the naive understanding that all rescue groups were created equal, and anyone who adopted out rescue dogs, must be good. In my years of volunteering and in being exposed to this explosive money making industry I have unfortunately found out very differently.

Many (not all) operate under the guise of helping these poor, vulnerable and voiceless souls are really only profit motivated and would do whatever it takes to be sure that their profit margins are realized especially at the expense of these animals.

In general there is no oversight or regulations that guide these facilities, and even if someone become aware or suspects negligence or abuse of any type there is no way to have it formally and judiciously investigated.

Why not have some type of oversight and enforcement of standard regulations amongst all groups who deal with animals? Why not a formal way for those suspecting abuse and neglect to have a governing body with some real "bite" to do something about it?

I am asking you to dig deep into your heart and do something meaningful to institute basic standards of care to help these animals. They cannot help themselves and without appropriate laws and guidelines, we who care deeply and want to help, cannot make meaningful changes or help these animals either. Please put appropriate legislation in place that would create accountability at all levels for these animals. Someone needs to be their voice!

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