

Testimony of Monty Kaufman, Puppies of Westport To The Environment Committee on SB 445

I'm here on behalf of your constituents-

Over 30,000 Connecticut families and Individuals
who chose to purchase a puppy from a store since
2010.

Every pin on this map represents five purchasers.

Numbers in each of your districts range from
25 in Representative Ryan's to 854 in Senator
Chapin's.

Over 100,000 citizens with a puppy that's part of
their family-

A number far greater than the membership of all
animal welfare groups combined.

It means employment, taxes, and real estate. But
more importantly, it's a choice citizens made to get
their best friend from the source they choose-
a right no legislative body should even think of
taking away.

If we were doing a fraction of what we're accused,
the market would shut us down.

But CT stores average over ten years in business.

With under 20 complaints on pet store puppies to the State from 2010 to 13.

Less than six per year statewide.

But with all the noise, rhetoric, billboards, posters, letters, web sites and false accusations, CT stores sold more puppies in 2013 than prior years.

There are bad breeders that need to change or close.

And the same is true of many rescues, shelters, and pounds.

But the activists have an agenda- to restrict free citizens to a source they approve without regard to the consumer's wishes-
But they need your help to do it.

So they have to make things look worse than they are. And they often do.

Primary evidence at the Task Force was a study the activists repeatedly referenced.

But that study is totally flawed.

Take Puppies of Westport:

Of 72 flawed breeders they listed for 2012-
we did not get a single puppy from 41 of them!

Statewide, their breeder numbers are inflated, they claim 162 unlicensed breeders when all were legal and included photos from breeders with clean inspections or from prior years.

They treat Direct and Indirect violations equally and breeders with any violation the same as the most guilty.

They falsely claimed that 46% of our 2012 breeders were horrible violators when we did not acquire a single puppy from a breeder with a direct violation at time of purchase in 2012.

The activists are seeking a CT solution for which there is hardly a CT problem and it is my strong hope that the members of this Committee will understand what is really going on here and act accordingly.

I welcome any questions.

Puppies Sold By Connecticut Puppy Stores To Cities & Towns Represented By Members Of The Environment Committee 2010-Present

District	Committee Member	Puppies	District	Committee Member	Puppies
21	Demicco	62	97	Megna	453
34	Ziobron	187	99	Albis	254
35	Vicino	196	104	Gentile	204
36	Miller	72	106	Bolinsky	214
40	Moukawsher	63	117	Davis	829
42	Bowles	12	121	Backer	362
43	Urban	24	122	Miller	950
47	Sear	52	125	O'Dea	533
53	Belsito	40	127	Hennessy	687
63	Case	139	135	Shaban	385
64	Willis	174	139	Ryan	25
66	Miner	117	S12	Meyer	721
67	Buck-Taylor	318	S18	Maynard	101
80	Sampson	190	S30	Chapin	854
85	Mushinsky	704		Total Committee	8922

PUPPIES SOLD TO CONNECTICUT CITIES & TOWNS 2010-PRESENT*

amston	15	east windsor	7	new canaan	264	south kent	8
andover	24	easton	88	new fairfield	198	south meriden	16
ansoniam	116	ellington	36	new hartford	9	south windsor	36
ashford	9	enfield	72	new haven	453	southbury	177
avon	28	essex	15	new london	21	southington	352
baltic	5	fairfield	746	new milford	318	southport	87
bantam	11	farmington	62	new preston	16	stafford	18
barkhamstead	4	gales ferry	11	newington	169	stafford springs	9
beacon falls	36	gaylordsville	23	newtown	214	stamford	759
berlin	143	georgetown	5	niantic	13	sterling	3
bethany	24	glastonbury	83	norfolk	4	stonington	22
bethel	256	goshen	13	north branford	113	stormville	4
bethlehem	23	granby	11	north haven	282	storrs	2
bloomfield	32	greenwich	326	north stonington	2	stratford	362
bolton	9	griswold	7	northford	69	suffield	16
bozrah	2	groton	57	norwalk	1057	terryville	68
branford	252	guilford	134	norwich	23	thomaston	53
bridgeport	687	haddam	24	oakdale	6	tolland	31
bridgewater	63	hamden	365	oakville	54	torrington	123
bristol	854	hartford	86	old greenwich	41	trumbull	311
broadbrook	16	harwinton	17	old lyme	44	uncasville	9
brookfield	329	hebron	6	old saybrook	24	unionville	33
burlington	78	higganum	97	orange	117	vernon	61
byram	2	huntington	5	oxford	91	wallingford	704
canaan	4	kensington	243	plainville	164	warren	8
canterbury	14	kent	28	plantsville	153	washington	9
canton	24	killingworth	46	plymouth	9	washington depot	2
cheshire	552	lakeville	6	pomfret	4	waterbury	548
chester	28	lebanon	8	portland	83	waterford	29
clinton	104	ledyard	6	preston	4	watertown	59
cobalt	1	lisbon	4	prospect	59	west hartford	114
colchester	114	litchfield	16	quaker hill	6	west haven	368
collinsville	2	lyme	16	redding	48	west simsbury	6
columbia	15	madison	98	ridgefield	314	westbrook	46
coscob	57	manchester	147	riverside	51	westfield	3
coventry	21	mansfield corner	6	rockfall	14	weston	249
cromwell	121	marion	13	rockville	4	westport	684
danbury	764	marlborough	22	rocky hill	125	wetherly	3
danielson	2	meriden	1195	rowayton	39	wethersfield	77
danville	9	middlebury	48	roxbury	19	willimantic	23
darien	244	middlefield	18	salisbury	4	wilton	269
dayville	3	middletown	386	salisbury	2	winchester	3
deep river	5	milford	342	sandy hook	114	windham	26
derby	88	milldale	7	scotland	3	windsor	52
durham	78	monroe	194	seymour	88	windsor locks	27
east berlin	12	moodus	17	sharon	6	winstead	17
east granby	9	moosup	6	shelton	278	wolcott	168
east haddam	19	morris	4	sherman	44	woodbridge	72
east hampton	65	mystic	8	simsbury	34	woodbury	66
east hartford	79	naugatuck	292	somers	17	woodstock	4
east haven	254	new britain	493			yalesville	13

* Total on page is 23,170 out of over 33,000 sold (no purchaser data available on balance)

Puppies Sold At CT Puppy Stores 2010- Present*

Store	City	Total
Debbies Pet Land	Kensington	67
Fin and Feather	Groton	576
Guppies to Puppies	Old Saybrook	404
Home Raised	Berlin	778
Magic Pet Shop	Wethersfield	9
Pet Center	Torrington	324
Pet Zone	Waterbury	256
Precious Pupz	East Haven	116
Puppy Center	West Hartford	1156
Puppy Patch	Watertown	1228
Realn of Pets	Southington	138
Triple Oaks	Danville	1195
True Breeders	Wilton	169
Under One Woof	New Milford	176
Safari Stans	New Haven	39
The Pet Company	Milford	543
The Pet Company	Danbury	693
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***Stores for which there was no purchaser data**

Out of State Sales

New York	1460
Massachusetts	378
Rhode Island	240
Other	150

Total # of Puppies Sold 33,255

Breeders Used By CT Pet Stores In 2012

Report compiled 13/4/2013

Submitted as testimony by Karen Rasmussen, Wilton, CT

“For each pet store, this report provides a bulleted summary containing the total number of breeders used in 2012, the number of these breeders with USDA violations during the period 2010- 2012 and the number of breeders that were not found in the USDA’s database. The breeders with USDA violation are then listed alphabetically, and described in fuller detail...”

PUPPIES OF WESTPORT

Used 74 Total Breeders

33 Of These Had USDA Violations

4 Unlicensed/ Unknown

Report Posted on Internet Stated 46% of Store’s breeders violated the Animal Welfare Act.

**BREEDERS USED BY PUPPIES OF WESTPORT IN 2012
AS COMPILED BY KAREN RASMUSSEN AND PRESENTED TO TASK FORCE**

72 Breeders Listed

41 Not actually used in 2012

Bailey, Carroll	Culler, Renea	Keezer, Ruth	Spear, Joyce
Baker, Linda	Doherty, Marie	Kochs, Angela	Straight, Fran & Jim
Benson, Denise	Feldman, Charles	Landers, Mark	Stutzman, Floyd
Boyd, Bernita	Fetters, Betty	Landsdown, Clifford	Swartzentruber, Paul & Josie
Boyd, Marvin & Bonnie	Fields, Angela	Loe, Debbir	Swearengen, Diane
Brasher, Linda	Flores-Kennel	Madison, Shonda	Taylor, Theresa
Brecheisen, Dorothy	Fox, Beverly	McGowan, Maggie	Thomas, Lorilee
Breedlove, Ailsa	Fox, Cody	Mid-America	Thorp, Linda
Brown, Donna	Gear, Rhonda	Middleton, Brittney	Turner, Ken & Debbie
Brown, Kathy	Gordon, Chris	Mings, Betty	Wagler, Owen
Bundy, Jerry & Marlene	Graber, Marvin	Novak, Carol	Warren, Deb
Campbell, Tommy & Theresa	Green, Leah	Quinn, Ann	Watts, Gerald
Cannon, Debra	Hart, Delinda	Reynolds, Pam	Weaver, Cindy
Cox, Lou	Henderson, Tracy	Riley, Mark	Willie, Margaret
Cozart, Terry	Hillyard, Christina	Rottinghaus, Kelly	Woodley, Clark & Amy
Crane, Linda	Horn, Kent	Schmucker, John	Wortman, Doug
Cradock, Bill Lou	Houck, Michelle	Sherill, Kay	Zuspann, Ruth
Cressel, Noat	Hurliman, Dwayne	Slagley, Rhonda	Zuspann, Stemie

PUPPIES OF WESTPORT PUPPIES 2012		INSP 1			INSP 2			INSP 3			INSP 4			INSP 5			NOTES	
USDA #	BREEDER/BROKER	DATE	D	I	R	DATE	D	I	R	DATE	D	I	R	DATE	D	I	R	
43-A-2950	Allen, Deborah & Nelson	Apr-11	0	0	0	Apr-12	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	0	0					
43-A-4793	Arnett, Brenda	Aug-11	0	0	0	Aug-12	0	0	0	Jan-14	0	0	0					
43-B-3609	Bailey, Carroll	Nov-12	1	0	0	Dec-12	1	2	0	Jan-13	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	0	0	
43-B-3515	Blake, John & Sandra	Sep-11	0	0	0	Feb-13	0	0	0									
43-A-4085	Bolin, Tina	Apr-11	0	0	0	May-12	0	0	0	May-13	0	0	0					cancelled license 2013
46-A-0394	Boyd, Nancy & Brenda	Mar-12	0	6	0	Sep-13	2	6	4	Sep-13	0	1	1					
71-A-0763	Brasher, Linda	May-11	0	0	0	May-12	0	0	0	Mar-13	0	0	0					
48-A-1755	Brecheisen, Dorothy	Nov-12	0	6	3	Mar-13	0			Nov-13	1	5	4					
43-A-3357	Brown, Donna	Oct-11	0	0	0	Mar-13	0	2	0	Mar-03	0	0	0					
43-A-4853	Bundy, Jerry & Marlene	Jul-12	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	0	0									
43-A-5503	Burrow, Myra	Jul-11	0	2	0	Jun-12	0	0	0	Apr-13	0	0	0	Dec-13	0	0	0	
43-A-5273	Cahoj, Joyce	Feb-12	0	0	0	Oct-12	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	0	0	Jan-14	0	0	0	
42-B-0253	Campbell, Tommy	Mar-11	0	0	0	Mar-11	0	2	0									cancelled license 2013
48-B-0846	Clausen, Cindy	Mar-11	0	0	0	Jan-12	0	0	0	Jan-13	0	0	0					
43-A-4860	Cook, Shirley	Aug-11	0	0	0	Jul-12	0	0	0									
48-A-2137	Cox, Robin & Rebecca	Oct-11	0	13	0	Dec-11	0	0	0	Aug-12	0	2	0	May-13	0	1	0	
43-B-3600	Cozart, Terry	Feb-12	0	0	0	Sep-12	0	0	0	Aug-13	0	0	0					
43-B-3476	Crowse, Connie	Mar-12	0	0	0	Apr-13	0	0	0									
43-A-3792	Curtis, Sherry	Aug-11	0	0	0	Jul-12	0	0	0									
43-A-3800	Dailey, LaDonna	Nov-12	0	0	0	Oct-13	0	0	0									
48-A-2019	Dillow, Karen & Joshua	Aug-11	0	0	0	Aug-12	0	0	0	Apr-13	0	0	0					
48-B-0321	Doherty, Marie	Mar-11	0	4	0	Nov-11	0	0	0	Dec-12	0	0	0	Dec-13	0	0	0	
48-A-2118	Duryea, Vickie	Jan-11	0	0	0	Oct-12	0	0	0	Nov-13	X	X						
43-A-5666	Dykes, Larry- Rte	Mar-11	0	0	0	May-12	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	0	0					
43-B-3484	Fetters, Betty	Jun-11	0	0	0	Jul-12	0	2	0	Sep-13	0	0	0					
43-A-5553	Fields, Angela	Jun-11	0	1	0	Aug-12	0	0	0	Dec-13	0	0	0					
73-A-2556	Flanders, David & Becky	Jan-12	0	0	0	Jul-13	0	0	0									
43-A-5332	Fox, Teresa L.	Mar-12	0	0	0	Apr-13	0	0	0									
43-A-5071	Goring, Cheryl	Feb-12	0	0	0	Jun-13												
43-A-2599	Green, Leah & Finy	Apr-11	0	2	0	Jun-12	0	0	0									
73-A-1408	Halpain, Robert & Starmye	Apr-12	0	0	0	Jul-13	0	3	0	Jan-14	0	0	0					
43-A-4783	Hart, Delinda	Jul-11	0	1	0	Jul-12	0	0	0	Jun-13	0	1	1	Jul-13	0	2	0	
43-A-0846	Horn, Ellen & Kent	Mar-11	0	1	0	Oct-12	0	0	0	Aug-13	0	1	1					
71-A-0806	Horton, Freda & Jack	Jun-11	0	0	0	Jun-12	0	0	0	May-13	0	0	0					
48-A-1959	Houck, Michelle	Mar-11	0	1	0	Feb-12	0	0	0	Mar-13	0	1	0					
43-B-3601	Hough, Brenda & Tina	Sep-11	0	0	0	Jul-12	0	0	0	Apr-13	0	0	0	Jan-14	0	0	0	
43-A-5594	Howlett, Debbie	Sep-11	0	0	0	Aug-12	0	0	0	May-13	0	0	0	Dec-13	0	0	0	

