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To the Environmental Committee,

It is my opinion and the opinion that pet shops should not be allowed to purchase puppies from puppy mills. Dogs should not be sold in stores period. Over the years I have seen animals from pet stores that come from puppy mills. Many of these animals are poorly bred (not of breed standard, have luxating patellae, heart murmurs etc). They are often shipped cross country at 8 weeks old and arrive hypothermic, hypoglycemic and half dead. I have witnessed this on numerous occasions. In my opinion no reputable breeder would let their dog travel in this condition to sit in a store in a cage. If the puppy mills have no market to which their dogs can be sold, hopefully they will go out of business. Puppy mills are not a necessary establishment. There are too many unwanted dogs in the United States.

Thank You,

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