

As a veterinary technician in Fairfield County, CT for almost 20 years, I have seen many sick pet shop puppies.

It is inhumane that these puppies were randomly bred with total disregard to health, temperament, or genetics, only to be taken from their mothers and littermates to be packed into crates like vegetables and transported in large trucks all over the country to be sold to unsuspecting consumers.

It is even worse that the parents of these puppies, often still puppies themselves, will spend their entire lives in chicken wire cages without ever being let out, with little to no veterinary care, poor quality food and water, and without the very human attention they have been bred to crave as companion animals.

I support S.B. 445, the “puppy mill bill”, but with additional request to include requirements that 1) all new pet shops shall not sell commercially-bred dogs AND 2) for current pet shops, a phase-out of the sale of commercially-bred dogs.

Thank you,
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