Testimony for the Task Force Concerning the Sale of Cats and Dogs at CT Pet Shops from Inhumane Origins
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I'm Karen Rasmussen. I reviewed 722 of Connecticut's puppy store breeders for which there were Certificates of Origin for 2012. 381 of the 722 breeders violated the Animal Welfare Act. I was unable to find USDA licenses for 162 of the breeders.

I have provided a report containing breeder profiles that supply 12 of Connecticut's pet shops. Breeders with violations are presented in some detail, along with USDA inspection photos when available. Some breeders had up to 100 photos but of course it was only practical to include a few. Clearly we are not simply dealing with a few bad apples as the industry would like us to believe.

In 2010, the US Office of Inspector General audited the breeder regulation process and found serious deficiencies in the enforcement of the already weak AWA standards – my two reports validate this audit. For example, our stores' breeders denied dogs critically needed veterinary care, denied dogs water in 90 degree weather and an inspector noted piles of feces four feet high near dogs' cages. Live and dead rodents, and dead dogs and puppies are found with alarming frequency at inspections.

What I've seen consistently over the years are deceptive business practices from start to finish. Do we trust breeders like these not to lie about the birthdates of puppies, to only ship out puppies who are truly the mandated 8 weeks old? Several examples in the report show otherwise, including a broker our stores use, who was complicit with several breeders in selling underage puppies.

With 129 unlicensed breeders being used by our stores, are they legitimately not required to be licensed and if so, do the brokers have documentation on file to prove the breeders' licensing exemption, as required by the USDA? What makes these store puppies coming from unlicensed out of state sources so much better and healthier than the dogs being brought in by rescue groups?

I invite anyone who doubts the validity of this information to dig through the files at the Department of Ag in Hartford, look up Inspections on the USDA website, and request photos for kennel inspections. I was accused of photoshopping the pictures. I'm not that handy with a computer, nor is there any need to doctor the horror of these kennels.

On another note, it distressed me to hear from legitimate breeders who are in the business for the betterment of the breed, not profit, that they were being frightened by lobbyists into believing their right to breed is at stake here. This simply is not true, no one is trying to take away that right. I have cherished every one of my dogs and if I felt compelled to seek out a particular breed, I would first look to breed rescue groups, then if need be, references to excellent breeders who adhere to a code of ethics.

The rescue and legitimate breeder community can be a tremendous help in assisting someone looking for a particular type of dog or puppy. Once the public sees the true horror and negligence of the puppy industry, I have no doubt they can adapt to waiting to find the perfect pet for life. Enough of this outdated mode of picking out puppies from behind Plexiglas windows. Connecticut should and can do better than that.
Breeders used by CT Pet Stores in 2012

Report compiled 12/4/2013
Submitted as testimony by Karen Rasmussen, Wilton, CT

Research method
In Connecticut, a Certificate of Origin must accompany each dog sold or offered for sale in Connecticut pet shops. Such Certificate must identify the name and address of the breeder and broker of the dog, and be filed with the CT Department of Agriculture. CT Gen. Stat. 22-354 (b). The information listed in the Certificates is then plugged into USDA’s breeder and broker database to obtain the size of each operation and complete violation history. Photographs have been obtained from the USDA through FOIA.

Format
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 violations are then listed alphabetically, and described in fuller detail including photos where available.

Breeder Summary

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(Total *) 722 381 162

*Totals are somewhat inflated because some breeders supplied multiple pet shops.
All Pets Club – Branford, Wallingford, Windham, Southington

- Used 19 total breeders
- 7 of these had USDA violations
- 0 were unlicensed/untraceable

Good example of relatively clean facility that "warehouses" its dogs, with little or no human physical contact.
Pet shop customers are not aware that this is how their puppies begin their lives, nor would they find it acceptable.
Brecheisen, Dorothy (Dot's Little Doggies) 48A1755 10 & 11 reports, over 500 dogs (Puppies of Westport uses as well)
Above – Shih tzu with matting over more than 50% of its body
Photographer: Margaret A Shaver
Legal Name: Dots Little Doggies, Inc.

Photo Taken: Wed, Nov 9, '11 3 pm
Inspection: 314110042309713
Description: Bichon with microchip 070 046 818 showing skin problem.

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Burrow, Myra 43A5503 & 43B3584 11 report (Puppies of Westport uses as well)
Dillow, Tara 48A2019 10 report (Puppies of Westport uses as well)
Houck, Michelle 48A1959 10-11 reports – CUSTOMER COMPLAINT ON FILE W/STATE (SHEEHAN)
Raney, Judy 48A1624 10 & 12 reports. Official Warning 6/13 (8 violations in 2013 including 1 Direct Violation for 3 dogs needing vet care)
Thomas, Lori 4880329 11-12 reports. Over 1,000 dogs. (Puppies of Westport uses as well)
Chewed wood in whelping box with sharp screw
Dirty, rusted food receptacle

Shih-tzu with hair loss
Chihuahua with excessively long nails

Evidence of rodent activity
Hair trapped in cage wires
Severe matting on dog
American Breeders – Danbury

- Used 171 total breeders
- 95 of these had USDA violations
- 34 were unlicensed/untraceable

Baldwin, Pamela 43A4762 HSUS Horrible Hundred FINED 11K 4/13. Picture in prior report
Barker, Wanda 71A0923 2011 + 3 Direct Violations 2013

Beatty, Colleen 42A1382
Benson, Denise 47A1277 2010-2012
Birchfield, Beatrice 73A2642 (Gentle Jungle uses as well)
Bonham, Harry & Wanda 43A4436 2010-2012
Drooping shade cloth providing little shade

Borntrager/Borntreger, Menno & Toby 42A1438 One of the worst, years of violations. Cancelled license 10/9/12. LICENSE PERMANENTLY REVOKED 5/13.

4 foot high pile of animal waste and debris.

Dog with hair loss

Excessive buildup of animal waste on floors

Excessive presence of soiled bedding and flies
Excessive presence of weeds

Dirt/bedding/dead flies in water receptacle

Canterbury Tails/Troy Wedel 4880319 One of their brokers
Collins, Alexis & Greg 43A1721 Bulldog with eye issue

Crick, Barbara 47A0426 10 years of violations. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Pictures below – 91.9 degrees inside kennel in August, overview of kennel exterior with tin panels as USDA acceptable forms of wind break on sides. Green corrugated plastic panels on top are USDA acceptable forms of shade and rain breaks. Violation was for the one loose piece of plastic panel.
Crittersville/Tonya Maddux 47B0056 One of their brokers 2011, 2012 (The Dog House uses as well)
Dake, Johnny 43A4494 2012 Dog not bearing weight on leg, open lesion found with discharge, licensee unaware. Expired medications in whelping building. 200 dogs
Dake, Kenneth 43A5402 HSUS Horrible Hundred. TEN violations (2 Repeat) on 12/12. NINE violations (5 Repeat and 1 Direct) on 8/13 including 6 four month old Labrador Retrievers that had not received water in more than 24 hours. One puppy drank for 4 minutes when given water.
Dake, Norma 43A4978 2 Yorkies' feet passing through wire flooring “walking as if on tightrope”
Decker, Joe & Connie 43A3536 2011
Dekkers, Dean 42A1251 License cancelled 10/31/11 The Dog House uses as well, see their page for pictures.
Everette, Roger & Rebecca 71A1202 License cancelled late 2012
Fedler, Craig 42A1428 2010
Feldman, Charles 43A1704 Years of violations
Fox, Beverly 71A1096 Gentle Jungle and Puppies of Westport use as well
Fox, Sharon 43A2581 2012 + multiple 2013 (1 Direct Violation)
Gastler, Joy "Kennel of Joy" 43A0916 2010 & 2012
Gingerich, Ura 42A1371 2010, 2011, 2012
Graham, Theresa 73A2023 2011, 2012

Grotewold, Brad 42A0119 Puppy Love uses as well. BROKER – HUNTE CORPORATION
Excessive accumulation of feces under cages
Grime, in cages. Note auto-watering system (lixits).
Dogs have to drink like gerbils, eliminates need for water bowls.

Gullett, Barbara 71A0748 HSUS Horrible Hundred
Gustin, Anita & Smith, Crista 71B0123 Reports back to 2002
Dog not bearing weight on foot, all digits swollen, nail missing. Dogs lacking 6” space above heads

Hager, Linda 47A0410 HSUS Horrible Hundred
Hale, Randy 43B3673 2012 report (cats). Over 500 dogs.
Hall, Mary 71A1015 2011 Grime/feces, broken wires/sharp points

Hubbard, Sharon 48A1519 2012
Repeat Direct Violation for emaciated Chihuahua. Fox Terrier with open wound.

Hulsoff, Sara 42A1036 2011. Excessive rusting throughout kennel
Hyman, Dave 42A1003 2011. License cancelled 1/12
Johnson, Carol 71A0921 2010
Johnson, Connie & Harold (CW’s Quaint Critters) 42B0226 Multiple 2012. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Gentle Jungle & The Dog House use as well.
Johnson, Julia 42A1271 2011. Dog House uses as well
Photo left - Chewed/worn wood, buildup of grime in "nursery". Photo right - Thick accumulation of packed snow, ice and feces covering nearly the entire floor of the outdoor runs.

Kruse, Michele 42A0825 2010
Kruse, Steve 42B0182 (Over 1000 dogs) Gentle Jungle, Puppy Love & The Puppy Center use as well.
Martin, Eugene 42A1194 2011

Menne, Nick & Tiffany 42A1398 2010. Official Warnings 8/10 & 1/12
Excessive accumulation of feces No shelter in August Old bedding (feces/urine soaked)

Mid-America Pets 4383634 Broker for many stores. Official Warning 6/13. Violations for transporting pups with no health certificates, no paperwork at facility from all vet visits, not enough head or floor space in cages.
Mobley, Betty Jo 71B0133 2012. 11 food receptacles contained combination of gnats, cockroaches, spiders and ornament webs. Six of the 11 contained cockroaches. This was NOT a Direct Violation.
Moeller, Annette 42A0855 2012. 30 puppies' feet falling through flooring
Murry, Chris 43A3790 2012
Nilges, Chris 43A3790 2012

Olseth, Blaine 46A0412 2012
Dogs with less than 6” headroom

Olseth, Butch 47A0590 2012
Olson, Kim 42B0232 2010
Paulsen, Mona 2012
Peters, Gladys 48A0790 2010, 2012
Peterson, Tom 43A4955 43A4955 2010

Phillips, Irene 48A1834 2012
Broken, sharp wires

Polk, Cee Cee 47A0592 2010, 2012. The Dog House uses as well
Raber, Adrian 32A0413 Multiple 2012
Reiff, John & Anna Mary 43A4696 2011, 2012 Gentle Jungle uses as well
Dirt/excreta in enclosure

Electrical wire in whelping cage. Note cigarette near dog with newborn pups.

Rios, Valente 43A5652 14 pages of violations on 1/12, plus more in 2012. HSUS Horrible Hundred. 6 years of violations. From USDA report -
A 4-5 week old Maltese/Poodle appeared lethargic. Puppy had large buildup of fecal material around anal area, dried & hard. Gums were pale, abdomen firm, he was warm to touch. Employee took to clean up. Upon return, fecal matter had been removed, but tail had an open wound. A piece of sharp bone was protruding from middle of wound and flesh was bright red. Licensee stated he had docked the puppy's tail 4-5 days ago.

When asked to explain how they perform this procedure, licensee stated they, "Dip the scissors in alcohol & cut the tails off with scissors." When asked if he uses any type of anesthesia, or cleans the tail before amputating, the licensee said, "No." When asked what he does if the puppies' tails bleed, he stated they, "Put a yellow powder on it." When asked where they perform this procedure the licensee stated that they, "Do this in the cage" the puppies are in.

In a nutshell, he was told by the inspector that this did not meet veterinary professional standards. That's IT. Stephanie L. Osborne was the Animal Control Inspector, #5054, USDA APHIS Animal Care.

Side view of lethargic puppy with docked tail -
Rottinghaus, Audrey & Derrick (Wendy’s Pets) 48B0313 Years of reports. HSUS Horrible Hundred
Rottinghaus, Krystal & Sandra (Kit’s Pets) 48A2120 Years of reports. HSUS Horrible Hundred
Rowe, Patricia 43A2520 2010, 2011, 2012 (Direct Violation 1/11)
Sachse, Myrna 43A5337 2011
Matted Yorkshire Terriers

Scheulen, Gary 43A4527 2012

Scott, Gerry 43A4870
Shaw-Zahourek, Peg 47A0571 2011, 2012

Shelters for dogs -

Excessive feces in cage

Matted Yorkie
Shubert, Angela 63B0175 2011
Smith, Glenn 73A2119 2010
Smith, Larry & Gertrude 43A3061 2010
Snidow, Julie 43A3124 2011. Puppies of Westport uses as well
Stoll, Stephen 32A0249 2012
Swanson, Scott & Hyman, Dave 42A1003 2010, 2011
Thomas, Lashell & Noah 42A1454 2012
Wagler, Henry 32A0244 10 violations 2012 (4 Repeat, 1 Direct). Gentle Jungle uses as well

Excessive feces under cages

Overgrown nails

Drinking water

Dog house with sharp edges, no wind/rain break

Wagler, Nicholas 32A0285 No report 2012, 2 violations 2013
Wagler, Owen 32A0339 2011
West, Connie 73A1872 Puppies walking in feces. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Fined $1200 6/13
Westercamp, Gina 42A1147 2010, 2011
White, Brenda 48A2090 201
White, Norissa 43A2711 2011

Excessive hair/feces in enclosure

Chihuahua with eye issue

Winkelman, John (Osage Kennels) 43A4667 2012 disgusting
Wright, Ramona 43B0082 2011
Yach, Jeff 43A4031 2011 (Cats)
Zeilstra, Tom 43A5741 2011, 2012
Gentle Jungle – Meriden

- Used 169 total breeders
- 99 of these had USDA violations
- 33 were unlicensed/untraceable

Bagley Sr, Gary 43A5573 2010. Cancelled license 11/11, why selling retail 5/12?
Baker, Linda 43A3415 2011. Sells to Puppies of Westport
Berhorst, Dan 43A3923 SIXTEEN Violations 2011. BROKER – HUNTE CORPORATION.
Bex, Rebecca & Franks, Guy 73B1838 “First Class Puppies”. HSUS Horrible Hundred. 2012 BROKER – HUNTE CORP.
Birchfield, Beatrice 73A0531 2011. BROKER – HUNTE CORPORATION

Sheets of ceiling coming loose  Cobwebs throughout facility  Debris in building

Old feed bags filled w/garbage near dogs.  Accumulated fecal matter under dog cages.

Bray, Summer 73A2416 2011, 2012
Brennan, Tina 46A0270 2012
Oxytocin seven years past expiration date
Brown, Sharon 43A5554 2011
Byl, Ari & Helen 42A0791
Chalfont, Darlene 73A2076 2011, 2012
Cochran, Jamie 43A4719 2012
Collins, Bill 43A5513 2012
Crowley, Larry 43A5739 EIGHT Violations 2011
Cunningham, Sarah & Chris 43A5645 2011
De Neui, Paul 41A0445 2011, 2012
Detweiler, Joe 43A5447 & 5661 Official Warning 1/12. Sells to Statewide Pets as well.
Disque, Phyllis 42A1312 Official Warning 2/11
Emanuel, Charles 47A0164 2011, no inspection 2012, not there 2013
Engel, Larry 42A1385 2012
Fattig, Penny 47A0477 2010, 2011
Fedders, Lori 42A1144 2011. Cancelled license 7/11, why still selling retail in 2012?
Fulton, Patrick 41B0262 ONE OF THEIR BROKERS. 2010 reports buying/selling underage puppies.
Graham, Debbie & Armstrong, Courtney 73A2134 2010, 2011
Green, Leah & Floy 43A2599 2011

Dog with hair loss

Excessive feces throughout kennel

Habbinga, Pam 42A0903 2012
Hackett, Lorelei 43A3375 2012. License cancelled 10/12
Halverson, Julie 42A0645 2011
Hawkins, Allison 73A2145 2011, 2012
Heger, Jeff 43A5700 2010
Hostetler, Leon 71A1291 2011
Howell, Margaretta 43A5657 2012
Hunter, Cynthia 73A2661 Pre-license violations, terrible 2012 report.
Johnson, Connie & Harold 42B0226 Years of violations. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Dog House & American Breeders use as well.
Klinkhammer, Rick 46A0331 2011 – no bedding in 17 degree weather, 2012
Knapp, Duane 71A1234 Not there for multiple inspections, disgusting 2013
Knepp, Jason, & Stoll, Phil 32A0391 Awful 2012 – parvo, flies, feces.
Livengood, Suzi 43A4659 2011. 400 dogs
Machin, Gerald & Shirley 73A2522 HSUS Horrible Hundred. “Beagle with torn & mangled face had to have been in pain and suffering. License cancelled 9/13.
Mahurin, Alice 43A4831 2010, 2012
McCroy, Delmar 43A4948 2011
McGill, Chris 73A1257 2011, 2012
Moore, Joann 73A2642 2012
Mulder, Mark & Linda 42A0924 2012
Napier, Tom & Sheila 43A4155 2011, 2012
Nichols, Sue 74A1294 2011
Ogle, Nancy 46A0390 2012
Ogle, Peggy 48A0879 2011, 2012
Olseth, Butch 47A0590 2010, 2012
Page, Catherine 43A5750 2011
Paulsen, Mona 43A2974 2012
Piles, Rhonda 71A1208 2011, 2012
Pry, Reba 42A1176 2011
Ratlaff, Keith & Lila 48A1793 HSUS Horrible Hundred. Dogs without water in 90 degree heat.
Raylyanu, Mikhail 43A3911 2011, 2012
Reiff, John & AnnaMary 43A4696 2011, 2012
Renner, John & Lyle 41A0248 Selling underage puppies to Fulton (broker). Fined 5k 1/13, HSUS Horrible Hundred.
Riggs, Arin & Jason 46A0404 NO INSPECTIONS, repeatedly not at kennel since 2010.
Rowe, Patricia 43A2520 Official Warning 1/12
Sartin, Lynn 43A4843 2011, 2012

Dental

Litter of puppies, feet falling through cage floor

Schwartz, Samuel 43A5566 2011
Slobe, Kathy 43A3549 2011. Sells to Puppy Love as well.
Snyder, Deborah & Smoot, Doug 48A2003 2011
Sonnenberg, Michelle 41A0021 2011, 2012 Sells to Puppy Love as well.
Standridge, Peggy 71A1048 2012
Steiber, Theresa & Alan 42A1445 2012
Stoll, Stephen 32A0249 2012
Swenson-Sawyer, Sherrye 4180161 2011
Wagler, Darrell & Marlene 32A0364 2012
Wagler, Henry & Amos 32A0244 TEN VIOLATIONS 2012. Sells to American Breeders as well.
Wehling, Mark 42A1443 2012
Walls, Melissa & Roger 73A2655 Awful 3/12 prelicense inspection, bad 12/12
Winkelman, John 43A4667 2012
Yates, Janelle 43A5324 Rarely there for inspections
Heat index 113.5 degrees (98.9 real temp)

Same inspection, 2 Doxies with bone dry water bowl

Interior, above cages

Exterior of whelping house. Excessive feces etc.

Ceiling in whelping house – rust and mold

Dead mouse in food receptacle
Mouse feces in refrigerator covered floor

Puppy standing in food bowl after walking on feces

Thin dog with hip bones protruding

Exterior enclosure with excessive feces
Not enough dog houses for number of dogs in cage. Pomeranian – large mats/dried fecal material on rear

Mouse droppings where bulk food is stored

Dog with wounds & hair loss
Puppies of Westport – Norwalk

"We work exclusively with USDA licensed breeders and hold them to unusually high standards including regular reviews of their inspection reports." From Norwalk Patch article.

- Used 74 total breeders
- 33 of these had USDA violations
- 4 unlicensed/unknown

Bailey, Carroll 43B3609
Baker, Linda 43A3415
Benson, Denise 47A0237

Injured dog paw

Boyd, Benita 71A1049

Two dogs with no form of shelter
Brasher, Linda 71A0762
Brecheisen, Dorothy 48A1755
Breedlove, Alisa 43A4023

Brown, Donna 43A3357
Grime on doors, broken sharp flooring

Brown, Kathy 43A4939
Standing water, mud in pens, feeder with no cover,
not enough shelters for number of dogs

Worn, chewed, green wood around cage doors
Sharp flashing, worn wood, green algae on supports

Damp caked food and hair mixture in feeder

Bundy, Jerry & Marlene 43A4893
Campbell, Tommy & Theresa 42B0253
Cannon, Debra 73A1772
Cox, Lou 43A1969

Cozart, Terry 43B3600
Green water

Crane, Linda 43A3362
Craddock, Billi Lou 43A0682
Cressel, Noah et al 43B0177 + new #
Culler, Renea 43A5503

Puppy with eye issue
Doherty, Marie 48B0321
Scratched up walls

Puppy with eye problem

03/22/2011

Feldman, Charles 43A1704 Official Warning
Ear injury

Dog not bearing weight on paw

03/22/2011

Fetters, Betty 43B3484

Fields, Angela 43A5553
Excessive feces

Sharp wires from broken cage
Coating missing from flooring. No mention of toenails. Meds with no vet advisory. Note syringe in bottle.

Flores Kennel 43B3474 & 3686
Fox, Beverly 71A1096
Fox, Cody 71A0981
Gear, Rhonda 43B3613
Gordon, Chris 48B0309
Sharp metal in cage

Graber, Marvin 32A0336
Green, Leah 43A2599
Hart, Delinda 43A4783
Henderson, Tracy 43B3486
Interior of "refer" building (Old refrigerated trucks are retrofitted as kennels, common practice).

Hillyard, Christina 48A1431
Horn, Kent 43A0846
Houck, Michelle 48A1959
Hurliman, Dwayne 73A2621 – Consistently clean reports, but warehouses approximately 700 dogs.
From news piece, Hurliman’s kennel

Keezer, Ruth 43B3710
Kochs, Angelia 43A5611
4 medium dogs with 1 small house in hutch enclosure

Sharp wire points sticking into cage

Trailer facility with no wind or rain breaks

Buildup of brown & black matter on teeth

Landers, Mark 43A3615
Komondor with bloody neck

Insufficient bedding for Bulldogs in winter

Landsdown, Clifford 43A5453
Loe, 48B0246
Wood not impervious to moisture. No mention of feces.

Dog with no bedding

McGowan, Maggie 43A4545
Mid-America
Middleton, Brittney 71A1292
Mings, Betty 71A1292
Novak, Carol 43A4543
Missing wind/rain breaks in dog houses

Missing wind/rain breaks, no mention of filth.

Quinn, Ann 43A5418
Reynolds, Pam 48B0270
Riley, Mark 43A4256
Rottinghaus, Kelly 71B0138
2 rows of cages with puppies in too-small cages, some cannot even stand

Accumulated feces in washdown under cages.

Accumulated fur and grime along water lines.

Sherrill, Kay 43B3564
Slagley, Rhonda 71A0693
Spear, Joyce 43A5046
Straight, Fran & Jim 43A5789
Stutzman, Floyd 42A0997
Rusty feeder

Dog with hair loss and red bumps

Swartzentruber, Paul & Josie
Taylor, Theresa 71A1247
Thomas, Lorilee 48B0329
Thorp, Linda 42A1140 Dead dachshund found by USDA inspector.
Decreased ventilation, strong ammonia odor inside
Old feces stuck in bottom of cage

Turner, Ken & Debbie 43A2939 used 2010. Cozy Country Kennel
Puppy – ear cropped by licensee
Schnauzer puppy found dead by USDA
Medication kept in baby food jar.
Both eyes sunken w/discharge.
Excessive fecal material in cage.

Wagler, Owen 32A0379
Warren, Deb 43A3278

Watts, Gerald 71A1095
Clutter and filth throughout kennel. Note syringes on right and on sink area below left.

Puppies feet falling through cage floor
Weaver, Cindy 48A1486
Willis, Margaret 43A4850
Woodley, Clark & Amy 43A4512 "Dreamland Kennel"
Sick squinting puppy

Weeds along wall of dog enclosures

Broken sharp wire in cages

Rodent droppings on floor

Rodent droppings on humidifier

Open bag of feed

Wortman, Doug & Debbie 43A4225
Zuspann, Ruth 43A1013
Statewide Pets – Orange

- Used 67 total breeders
- 21 of these had USDA violations
- 41 were unlicensed/untraceable

Britez, Josh 23A0381 2011. Wire panel and wall structural issues
Burkholder, Harvey 31A0061 2011 (HSUS Horrible Hundred) SELLING UNDERAGE PUPS. 9 indirect, 8 repeat, 2 direct violations in 2011. Burkholder’s veterinarian recommended giving several dogs with Grade 5 periodontal disease to “rescue group” after they weaned their pups. No other follow-up found.
Rotted support post under cages soaked in urine & “organic material” Grade 5 periodontal disease.

Colvin, Patricia – 73A2074 2011 No bedding in 15 outside doghouses in January (Oklahoma)
Detweiler, Joe 43A5661 BAD reports, Official Warning 1/12. GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well.
Hinrichs, Rick & Pam 47A0423 2011, 2012
Excessive green slime in water receptacles (multiple) “Housekeeping” issues.

Hoover, Jason & Darlene 21A0104 Multiple 2010 (6 dogs died), 2011
Hostetler, Dan 31A0414 2012
Kuhn, Curtis & Thomas 43A2553 Multiple 2011, 2012, 2013
Lantz, Marcus 23A0408 2011 Open gutters in several enclosures contain feces
Miller, Lester 31A0285 2010, 2011 No vet care in over a year
Nichols, Paul & Mary (Countree Pets) 4780079 From 2/2/10 report – "Animal waste collecting in drain gutters. Fix by 3/1/10." Not inspected again until 2011. From same report, "37 dog houses for 63 dogs need additional bedding" for the cold, and "17 dogs do not have 6" headroom in cages." Multiple violations dating back to 2002. 10 violations in 2013.

Troyer, Marlin 31A0185 Multiple 2011. Use of medications without vet guidance. Intentionally falsifying records so puppies will appear older.
Yoder, Abe 31A0420 HSUS Horrible Hundred, (ASPCA pics) Poodle w/broken jaw from previous report.
Yoder, Andy E. 31A0396 2011, 2012 TRIPLE OAK (see Triple Oak for pics)
Yoder, Leah 23A0247 2011, not there for 2012 inspection
Yoder, Leroy 31A0375 2010, 2011, 2012 (ASPCA pics)
Yoder, Myron 31A0104 2010

**Yoder, Owen R. 31A0198 2011, 2012 HSUS Horrible Hundred. Official Warning 8/12**

Owen R. Yoder - Puppies' feet falling through gaps in wire flooring (multiple)

Zimmerman, Marlin 23A0268 HSUS Horrible Hundred
The Dog House – Manchester

- Used 69 total breeders
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- 20 were unlicensed/untraceable

Bentley, Mickey 73A1326 2012 Fencing – sharp wire in direct contact with dogs. Over 100 dogs at kennel
Blaes, Becky 48A1196 2011-12, with reports back to 2007. (ALL PETS CLUB uses as well)
Bonham, Brett 73A2637 2012 Broken wire flooring – sharp, jagged points in direct contact with dogs. 300 dogs.
Brosch, Mary 47B0091 2010-12, with reports back to 2007. 4 dogs needing vet care, incomplete records, rusty
panels in cages. 200 dogs.
Burrow, Myra 43A5503 2011 (PoW, ALL PETS CLUB use as well)
Byl, Ari & Helen 42A0791 2010
Carlisle, Clair & Susan 48A1672 2011 No ID tags on most dogs. Inventory list missing dogs. Plastic shade material
cracked. 100 dogs
Crick, Barbara 47A0425 reports from 2001-2012. HSUS Horrible Hundred

Dekkers, Dean 42A1251 Bad reports 2010-11. CANCELLED LICENSE 10/31/11, yet still selling retail in 2012?

Waste accumulation under cage floors  
Rusted & jagged tin, no wind/rain breaks on doors

Below – interior of kennel
Den Boer, Nolan 42A1067 2012 (GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well). Sharp wires protruding into food receptacles (repeat violation). 37 dogs in barn that is not insulated, has holes in roof. No shelters for dogs in rain. Report was 4/9/12, licensee given until 5/15/12 to fix. Was still not fixed at 7/6/12 re-inspection. Walls/floors need cleaning to remove food/excreta.

Disque, Phyllis 42A1312 Official Warning 2/11. Hair/dirt/feces stuck to and hanging from wire flooring.

Fedders, Lori 42A1144 Cancelled license 7/11
Felts, Gary 42A0757 6/10 Decision, fined 18k, feds suing for $ yet still licensed. HSUS Horrible Hundred Fulton, Pat & Tammy 4180262 2010 (their Broker) Selling underage pups. (GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well)
Fykstra, Misty 42A1076 2010

Groeneweg, Laura 42A1296 2012 & Official Warning 2013. ASPCA (GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well)
Oxytocin injection 3 years beyond expiration date
Not meeting minimum floor space requirements

Gruber, Lori 47A0578 2011 Eight violations including excessive feces in whelping building. Cancelled license 8/12
Habbinga, Pam 42A0903 2010 (GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well)
Haidsiak, Susie 42A1416 2012, 74 dogs
Hailey, Carol 73A1820 2010-12 Rodent droppings inside floor pens affecting 20 dogs in contact w/droppings. Entire facility has buildup of grime/dirt/feces. Flooring of southeast building housing 30 dogs has completely rotted out.
Halverson, Julie 42A0645 2011, over 100 dogs
Houck, Michelle 48A1959 2010-2011 (ALL PETS CLUB uses as well) – Complaint Sheehan
Johnson, Connie & Harold 42B0226 (CW's Quaint Critters) Multiple 2012 reports. HSUS Horrible Hundred list
(GENTLE JUNGLE & AMERICAN BREEDERS use as well)
Johnson, Julia 42A1271 ASPCA Pics (AMERICAN BREEDERS uses as well)
Kaskie, Linda 42A1313 2010
Kuehne, Daniel 41A0349 2011-2013, Direct Non-Compliance Item 2012. 600 dogs
Kuhlman, Beverly 73A2401 2011-2012
Loutsch, Leslie 42A1129 2010-2011
Maddux, Tonya 47B0056 (Crittersville Kennel, one of their brokers) 2010 & 2012 (AMERICAN BREEDERS uses as well). 10 puppies from 4 breeders transported without health certificates.
Miller, Lizann & Daniel 47A0564 2011 & 2013 9 dogs with nails long enough to be curling sideways. 1 doghouse for 5 dogs. Expired medications and medications not labeled for use in dogs (repeat violation).
Mulder, Mark & Linda 42A0924 2012 Metal feeders for 21 dogs rusted, with old caked food stuck on sides.
Nolan, Ann 71B0024 2011
Pederson, Carla 46A0037 2012 Sharp protruding points from chain link fence pen dividers.
Polt, Cee Cee 47A0592 2010-2012 (www.mybrassringkennel.com)
Steiber, Terisa & Alan 42A1445 2012
Thomas, Lori 48B0329 2011-2012 HUGE kennel. (ALL PETS, PUPPIES OF WESTPORT use as well)
Urbanec, Paul 47A0540 2010-2012 Terrible

Wehling, Mark 42A1443 2012 (GENTLE JUNGLE uses as well)
Accumulation of discarded materials adjacent to kennel

Williamson, Judith 47A0084 (Loyal, Loving & True Kennel) 2011-2012 www.pup2love.com
The Pet Center – Torrington

This store closed for a period of time during 2012, then re-opened in a different location. Records were not kept for the most part. Out of 5 breeder names we have, we found one with violations.

Storey Cole 71A1044

4 Yorkshire Terriers identified with severe hair loss (including nursing female). Grime on cages.
Triple Oak Kennel – Dayville

- Used 30 total breeders
- 25 of these had USDA violations
- 0 were unlicensed/untraceable

Bridges, Mike & Barbara 63A0177 (Tennessee) 2010, 2011, 2012
Burrier, Linda 31A0018 2010, 2011
Erb, Allen 31A0386 2012
Hershberger, Mose 31A0433 2012 No program of vet care
Hershberger, Willis 31A0364 2012
Miller, Allen & Abe 31A0155 (2 Direct violations)
Miller, John 31A0384 2011, 2012 Using Myron Shetler’s USDA #

Miller, Ray 31A0169 Multiple 2012 (2 Direct violations - 4 dogs needing vet care) -
Dental
Excessive accumulations of excreta/grime in dog doors

Nisley, Aden 31A0169 2012 (cancelled license 2013)
Raber, Ervin 31A0124 HSUS Horrible Hundred. Multiple years of Repeat and Direct Violations. Selling multiple litters of underage pups. Brucellosis infection below, though not listed as a Direct Violation —

**USDA**
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**Inspection Report**

ERVIN RABER

Customer ID: 24536
Certificate: 31-A-0124
Site: 091
GOLDEN VIEW KENNELS
2039 TR 116
BALTIC, OH 43804

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: May-23-2011

2.40
(a) (1)
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

2.40(a) Each dealer or exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section. (1) Each dealer and exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the dealer or exhibitor.

Ninety three dogs have been removed from the kennel since the last inspection due to brucellosis infection. Approximately 90 dogs have been corded for brucellosis by an individual who is not a licensed veterinarian. The written program of veterinary care for this facility does not include guidance from the attending veterinarian on how to safely and appropriately handle a disease outbreak of this type.

Without veterinary guidance, dogs may be mishandled and improperly disposed of, exposing people and/or other dogs to this potentially devastating zoonotic disease.

A licensed veterinarian must be consulted to develop an appropriate plan for the identification, control, and disposition of infected and non-infected dogs. This plan must be documented, implemented, and included in the program of veterinary care, as well as available for examination by APHIS officials.

Correct by: FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

2.75
(a) (2)
RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

2.75(a)(2) Each dealer and exhibitor shall use Record of Acquisition and Dogs and Cats on Hand (APHIS Form 7005) and Record of Disposition of Dogs and Cats (APHIS Form 7006) to make, keep, and maintain the information required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

Disposition of 37 dogs were documented on APHIS form 7006 since the last inspection. Fifty six dogs have

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Raber, Jonas D. 31A0235 2012
Excessive accumulation of feces under cages

Raber, Marcus 31A0349 2012 Dogs needing vet care
Schlabach, Leroy 31A0385 2011, 2012 Excessive accumulation of feces throughout facility, dog needing vet care.

Schlaback, Ida & Daniel 31A0412 -
Walnut sized firm mass in mammary gland

Shetler, Atlee 31A0101 2011, 2012 Dental issues on 5/18/11. Has not been inspected again as of 5/13, not there 3 times in a row in 2012 & 2013.
Shetler, Myron 31A0393 2011, 2012 Also repeatedly not there for inspections.
Shubert, Angela 63B0175 (Tennessee) 2011
Troyer, Betty & Emanuel 31A0184 2011, 2012
Troyer, Reuben 31A0197 2011 and Official Warning 6/5/12
Yoder, Aden 31A0178 2011 (Direct violation), 2012
Yoder, Andy 31A0396 (used by STATEWIDE PETS as well)

Excessive matting

Excessive matting

Yoder told inspector he kept hunting dogs only in these cages  Eye of Scottie covered in green crusty substance

Yoder, Mabel & Jonas 31B0159 2012 (Direct violation – 3 dogs needing vet care)
Yoder, Menno 31A0357 2011, multiple 2012. Customer contacted CT Coalition, got sick puppy from Crandall by this breeder. Gave her Dept of Ag contact info. Crandall gave customer a hard time for not contacting her first. Customer received $500 re-imbursement from Crandall toward vet expenses per law.

Washdown drain under cages -
Puppy Love – Danbury - breeders with violations

- Used 123 total breeders
- 62 of these had USDA violations
- 30 were untraceable/unlicensed

USES HUNTE CORPORATION TO SUPPLY AT LEAST 90% OF THEIR PUPPIES.
Puppies being brought into Puppy Love from the Hunte transport truck -

Adkins, Don & Kathleen 43A3998 2010
Asmussen, Pam 46A0409 SIXTEEN violations at 5/12 pre-license inspection
Berhorst, Dan 43A3923 Reports back to 2006, Official Warning 1/12
Beukelman, Allen 42A0408
Blomberg, Kathie 43A1116 over 400 dogs. Gentle Jungle uses as well.
Bolz, Yvette & Larry 48A1582 2012 including live insects in food. HSUS Horrible Hundred
Boyd, Nancy & Hurley, Brenda 46A0394 2012. White & green mold in 70% of food receptacles affecting 38 dogs.
2 Direct Violations in 2013 – 5 dogs needing vet care.
Brooks, Betty 43A4048 2011
Budden, Jan & Ken 42A1413 2011 & Official Warning 1/12 for repeated failure to ensure dogs for transportation in commerce are at least 8 weeks old.
Colvin, Patricia 73A2074 2011
Cressel, Noah 43A5735 2011. Puppies of Westport uses as well.
Crossno, Steve and Sharry 71A0931 2011, 2012
Dale, Joan 43A5704 2012

Derksen, Reginald 46A0292 2011. LICENSE REVOKED 6/11 – why still selling to retail in 2012?
From Derksens’ 3/11 report - “When asked about a dog fight written on form, licensee explained one dog had jumped out of its enclosure into another dog’s enclosure and a fight ensued. He further stated that when he found them they were 'Dead and almost dead'. When asked if he called his attending veterinarian, he then changed his explanation and said, 'Let's just say I found them dead'.

( Image of a dog in a pen. )
DEE DETERDING
TRIPLE D KENNEL
151 LEWIS LN
HILLSBORO, IL 62049

2.40 (b) (2) DIRECT NCI
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

There were 3 dogs with conditions that require a veterinarian's examination for determination of treatment, if required. One female had a cherry eye that took up over half of the eye, protruding out past the eyelid. This female also had numerous bulging growths around the tops of the front feet, and on both sides of the rump area. The rump sores were pink and swollen.

The second female had gotten into a fight with another dog through the fence the day before, sustaining injuries on the upper lip and lower jaw. Lacerations in the lip were swollen and split open, the lower jaw has an area where the skin is missing and torn, which could be a site for infection if not treated properly.

The third female had a large area on the back of the hips where the tissue has become necrotic, red and ooze with tissue fluids and possible infection. There are areas within these sores where there are holes into the back that go approximately 1/2 inch deep. In one hole there appears to be some material that is either granular type tissue or possible fly eggs or larvae, it was difficult to see clearly without proper examination. The animal is clearly in distress due to the constant licking and chewing at the area. The owner advised that the area has been treated by themselves for the past 5 months.

If proper treatment for injuries is not provided immediately upon observation, it is possible to have a treatable injury become worse causing more invasive medical procedures to be necessary for full recovery, more severe secondary issues or even death. The delay in treatment could cause the animals to be subjected to more unnecessary pain and discomfort.

The three dogs mentioned above need to be seen by a veterinarian to determine what treatments if any, are required.

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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PICTURES FOR DETERDING DIRECT VIOLATIONS
Mastiff w/cherry eye covering ¾ eye

Lacerations on upper lip & lower jaw from fight

Growth on feet and rump of same Mastiff

¼ inch hole in center of largest sore w/fly eggs possible

Dwiggins, Betty 43A5507 2011
Sharp broken wires

Dog house w/no wind break (note snow under/behind)
Epperson, Dorothy 43A5494 2012

Glover, Terry 42A1358 Official Warning 8/12, license cancelled 11/12. Sells to Gentle Jungle as well. BROKER — HUNTE CORPORATION

Interior of food receptacle

Boxer with enlarged nipple with open wound

Good, Anna Mae 43A5422 2012
Goracke, Debora 47A0526 2012
Graber, Abe 32A0357 & 0425 2012

Graber, Victor 33A0515 2011, 2012

Pug with bulging eye

Shih-tzu with hair loss

Grotenwald, B.E. (Brad) & D.S. 42A0119 2011 SEE AMERICAN BREEDERS REPORT FOR USDA PHOTOS.
Kauffman, Kenneth 33B0396 2011, 2012
Kern, Kathleen 43A5707 EIGHT VIOLATIONS 3/11 including 3 dogs needing immediate vet care. NOT a Direct Violation, not re-inspected until the following month.
Knepp, Marcus 32A0399 2011, 2012
Kretzman, Wanda (see The Puppy Center) HSUS Horrible Hundred. Photo in prior report.
Kruse, Lou Ann 43A4333 2011 minor
Lee, Tracey 43A3459 2012
Martin, Christina 43A3070 License cancelled 1/11 – why still selling retail 2012?

McNish, Jessica 43AS706 2011, 2012
Dog barrel not large enough for dog

Pig enclosure next to dog enclosures

Mobley, Betty Jo 71B0133 2011, 2012 Cockroaches in food
Mondragon, Santos 43A4805 2011, 2012
Ogle, Peggy 2011, 2012
Price, Ivan 43A4807 2010, 2012
Filth around doggy door leading to exterior run

Excessive feces in runs, excessive rust

Raber, Mark 32A0303 2011, 2012
Ratzlaff, Keith & Lila 48A1793. Years of violations. NINETEEN VIOLATIONS in 2012 including three Direct Violations. Still licensed. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Gentle Jungle uses as well
Rozin, Keith & Joann 43A4116 & 5803 2011
Dog not bearing weight on front leg. No mention of feces under cage.

Schrock, Moses 48A4116 2011, 2012
Only noted rusting at bottom of tin shelter

Green drinking water

Open used syringes in whelping building

Green drinking water. Dog house duct-taped?
Shine, Debbie 43A5583 Six violations 2012
Shold, Sue 42A1299 2011, 2012. Sells to Gentle Jungle as well (see their page for USDA pictures).
Slob, Kathy 43A3549 2011. Sells to Gentle Jungle as well.
Stoll, Stephen 32A0249 2012
Wagler, Amos & Henry 32A0244 2011 SEE AMERICAN BREEDERS REPORT FOR USDA PHOTOS.
Wagler, Nicholas 32A0285 Clean 2011, No report 2012, 2 violations 2013
Walls, Melissa 73A2655 Bought out Trula Cheek's kennel. SIX violations 2012
Westercamp, Gina 42A1147 2011
Williams, Jacklyn 43A5667 2011
Multiple dogs with no identification, matting and eye problems

Cages and boxes in which dogs spend their entire lives at the Williams' kennel

Wittmer, Timothy 32A0427 2012
Young, Sara 71A0676 One of the worst, years of violations. HSUS Horrible Hundred. Gentle Jungle uses as well.
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