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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 4:28 PM
To: CTPS
Subject: Pet Store / puppy mill task force.

Dear Legislators,

As a private attorney offering pro bono services to persons who have bought puppies from pet stores, I am advising that I have no shortage of clients who have at least one, often more, of the following issues: 1. The puppy was gravely sick shortly after I bought the puppy, 2. The pet store was unhelpful and skeptical of my concern that the puppy was ill and offered no substantive advice on what to do. 3. When I provided needed emergency medical care for my puppy, the pet store denied it had any liability and leveled accusations of malpractice at the services my vet provided. 4. The pet store misrepresented my puppy as being from a reputable breeder, which I only uncovered when I checked the Dept. of Agriculture records after my puppy was became permanently sick, permanently lame or died. The breeder(s) were listed as having been fined for forcing the bitches and their puppies to live in unsanitary and unhealthy conditions. 5. The puppy I bought was not the breed the store represented it to be.

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