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**Message Body:**

As a former breeder in Massachusetts the public needs to know that many private breeders euthanize pure bred pups that are not up to breed standards. It is not necessarily true that buying from a private breeder ensures that the pup you purchase has been raised in a good environment, so that message should not even be on the table.

I need to ask, as well, what will be the fate of the unfortunate over bred female dogs and pups that these puppy mills in the Midwest produce.

I personally know many people who have purchased dogs from pet stores and have been happy with their decisions. Stopping pet stores from selling puppies and kittens will simply not be the answer to making puppy mills more responsible. To solve a problem you must start at the source...regulating puppy mills.

Unfortunately, human nature is such that if you pay money for it, you believe in it's value. Many mixed breed dogs that have been acquired from dog pounds are later abandoned when they are no longer cute puppies. Breed Specific Legislation across the country has led to pounds full of pit bulls and pittie mixes.

Our local pet store finds good homes for kittens and cats from our animal shelter. Why try to put them out of business? Regulation is the only way to go.

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