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Each puppy or dog sold in a store is a home lost to a shelter dog. Puppy mills will stay in business as long as puppies are sold at pet stores.

Pet stores that sell puppies contribute to over population and animal abuse by doing business with puppy mills; no reputable breeder ever sells to pet stores.

The puppy mill industry contributes to companion animal overpopulation by producing dogs without regard to their health and temperament, and all too often these dogs are left in animal shelters.

Dogs in puppy mills are neglected and denied vet care. They suffer with painful untreated injuries, illnesses, broken jaws and rotted teeth making it impossible to keep their tongues in their mouths or eat. Dogs are forced to live in overcrowded small cages or enclosures with wire bottoms, never having a solid surface on which to rest. Dogs who are kept in cages in puppy mills year after year suffer from cage sickness that can be seen as running in circles constantly and chewing on themselves. The Queenie Foundation's small breed dog rescue in Dallas, TX rescued such a dog several years ago. Even though our dog behaviorist worked with a former puppy mill dog for constantly running in circles, the dog was never rehabilitated. Eventually, the kindest act was to have her euthanized.

Dogs are bred as frequently as possible and the puppies are taken away from their mothers prematurely, resulting in lack of socialization, which leads to these dogs being left in municipal shelters.

The humane action would be for pet stores to invite rescues and shelters in for adoption events. Eventually, I'm confident that Connecticut can drastically reduce its number of stray and homeless animals. Once we accomplish this, animal services budgets can focus on important issues such as offering humane education and other classes that promote kindness to companion animals and their care.

We have the opportunity to show residents that Connecticut is a compassionate state and cares about companion animals' well-being. This is the opportunity to do the right thing and inform the public about puppy mills and the hidden abuse and cruelty therein.

### Sources

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- The Earth Charter <http://earthcharterinaction.org/content>

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