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**From:** Hercy Lord [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 12:27 PM  
**To:** CTPS  
**Subject:** Pet shops and puppy/kitten mills

I respectfully state that ONLY puppies and kittens from local shelters, or HOME based breeders with just a SMALL breeding/kennel facility that has been State inspected be allowed to be sold in Pet Stores.

The Federal USDA rules/regulations do NOT mandate humane facilities for breeding dogs and cats. They often live their entire lives in SMALL WIRE cages, unheated or unairconditioned sheds with little human contact. Dogs are PACK animals and need to live with people. The dogs and cats are bred and bred again, with little good vet care. Often the puppies are sick when delivered to the pet stores. They are almost ALWAYS inbred!

If you could SEE and SMELL how these breeding animals live, you would think you were in a 3<sup>rd</sup> World Country.

The little animals are delivered in trucks and many arrive sick and some already DEAD. Their paperwork about their breeding is often false.

This is a HORROR. We need to SHUT down these puppy and kitten mills, and ONLY by law forbidding selling of them unless they come from good shelters, rescue groups, or local, SMALL breeders, can we hopefully, insure this is what happens.

Sincerely,

Hercy Lord, age 71, Lyme, Ct with 50+ years in animal rescue! [REDACTED]