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Subject: Puppy Mills

I wanted to share our experience with a puppy mill dog:

Seven years ago our daughter purchased a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel online from a puppy mill in St. Louis. Some time ago we assumed responsibility of the dog. We love him dearly. However, in addition to the suffering that occurs at the puppy mills, there is a consumer issue, as well. The original purchase price of the dog was \$1,000.00 about ½ of the cost from a responsible local breeder. However, this poor dog arrived in very bad shape and continues to require regular visits to the vet. We have spent many times the upfront "savings" on his medical treatment. We have a second Cavalier this time acquired from a local breeder. The comparison is really striking. Our locally bred dog has enormously more intelligence and energy and rarely needs medical treatment.

I believe that the proposed regulation would be an important step in the effort to shut down these puppy mills. They are cruel and they cheat their customers. I also believe that more consumer education on this topic is warranted.

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