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Hello, my name is Shelby and I am a pro choice person. I myself have gotten a dog from a pet store and he's the best dog we could have ever gotten. Pet stores are not the people who you should be going after, it should be the nasty breeders who don't breed dogs for the love of the breed but for the money. And before we go around throwing the word "puppy mill" all over the place we should really define what actually a puppy mill is. Right now a puppy mill is anyone who breeds more than one dog. Well in my opinion that to me is not a puppy mill. If a breeder is taking very good care of their dogs and keeping them in good condition and breeder responsibly that to me is not a puppy mill. To me a puppy mill is any "breeder" who has their dogs in cages, covered in their own feces, breeding them heat after heat, litter after litter. That to me is what a puppy mill truly is. Some pet stores really do set a good example of what a store selling puppy should be like. For example, the store All Pets Club really takes good care of their animals. They are not stuffed into crates by them self with no access to water or toys, they have wide open pens with 4-5 dogs living in one pen. With beds and water and toys to play with, not to mention socializing with other animals to reduce the risk of separation anxiety. My dog came from a mall store, which in my opinion wasn't very clean, but he's a good dog. Pet stores need to be clean and take great care of their animals, not to mention have knowledge of the breed. Walking into the All Pets Club I had gotten a totally different vibe from walking in the front door. Everyone was friendly and greeted me as i walked through the store asking me if i needed help, and when i finally did need help the staff was so knowledgeable about all the different products in the store and about all the types of dogs breeds.

Another fact in why i am pro choice is because its very hard to find a breeder, and when you do they just want so much money for a puppy. And if something happens with the dog or the dog came to you sick they don't help you, they just tell you to return the dog, and for what? To have the more puppy put to sleep. And that isn't right. They can't make money off a sick dog, so they have no use for them anymore. I have spoken with money different people who have gotten their dogs from other pet stores and the stores actually reimbursed them for all their medications and some of the vet bills. Anything they could do to keep the happy pet parents keep their new puppy. That's what it should always be like.

Don't get me wrong, I do support rescues and shelters and adoption should always cross you're mind when thinking about a dog, because rescues and adoption shelters do a wondering thing, but you run into a problem with choose a breed. Shelters really only have pit mixes, you have to really look for anything else. Sometimes having to have a dog flown in from out of state. Rescues the same way, sometimes that dog of your dreams is in a different state and you have to pay them to fly the dog out to you, and you don't know how this dog will react with you and how this dogs temperament is. Walking into a pet store and looking at a large variety to choose from is sometimes better then guessing when looking at photos online of dogs in shelters and rescue centers. There are always pros and cons to everything though and that just so happens to be a big con to shelters/rescues.

I believe that everyone should have the right to choose where they get their dog from, if you want to rescue a dog then rescue a dog, if you want to go down to the local pet store and find your puppy that way then you should have that right, and if you want to go through a breeder then go through a breeder. I think we need to clean up the nasty pet stores and make sure each and every puppy is clean and happy and not stuck in a cage by them self all day or covered in their own feces. Those are the pet stores giving pet stores a bad name, not the ones who truly take care of their pets.

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