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## THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT PUPPY MILLS

- 99% of puppies sold in pet stores come from puppy mills.
- Nearly 100% of all puppies in pet stores have **parasites** when they are purchased.
- A majority of puppies sold in pet stores are registered with a large purebred breed registry such as the AKC.
- Every year in the U.S., **4 million puppies are born in puppy mills** and sold in pet stores and online.
- There are **35,000 pet stores** in America.
- Puppy millers can make more than \$300,000 growing puppies every year.
- Almost every puppy sold in a pet store has a mother who will spend her entire life in a
  tiny cage, never being petted, never being walked, never being treated like a dog.
- Female dogs are usually bred 2x a year. At that rate, they usually burn out by age 5, at which time they are put to death.
- About 1 million breeder dogs are confined in puppy mills throughout the U.S.

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