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# Pet Shopping?

What you should know before you buy your next pet from a 'puppy mill'

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Where do you go when you are looking to add a four-legged friend to your family? There are thousands of unwanted, stray animals that deserve a chance at a loving forever home. Your local Humane Society, County and rescue groups are bombarded with abandoned and unwanted pets daily! Even your local PetSmart and Petco work with shelters and groups to match rescued furry friends with compatible owners.

"Why not buy that cute dog in the pet store window?" you ask. Pet shops buy their puppies from brokers and the brokers get their puppies from puppy mills. What are puppy mills? A puppy mill is a commercial breeding kennel that mass produces dogs in horrifically unsanitary conditions, with inadequate vet care and little or no human contact or socialization. These dogs live sad, desolate lives and never receive the love and care they deserve. They are bred to the point of exhaustion where sickness and infection require them to be put down via means seen fit by the mill, i.e. gunshot, overdose of drugs, etc. Puppy mills exist solely for profit and in purchasing a pet from a mill-supplied pet store, you are reinforcing this terrible cycle. There are also kitten mills. To gain a better understanding of puppy mills and view heart-wrenching undercover videos go to: [www.banpuppymills.com](http://www.banpuppymills.com), [www.stoppuppymills.org](http://www.stoppuppymills.org), [www.caps-web.org](http://www.caps-web.org).

**What about breeders?** There are two types of breeders - ethical and unethical. Know the difference! These websites will guide you in this process: [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org), [www.dogplay.com](http://www.dogplay.com).

Visit the following websites to learn about rescue groups that will happily adopt out an animal to an appropriate forever home. There are even small critter rescues, and you can find these by doing a Google search for the type of animal you are looking for followed by "rescue" or "shelter". To check out some rescue groups go to: [www.PACC911.org](http://www.PACC911.org), [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), [www.pet-ark.com](http://www.pet-ark.com), [www.pets911.org](http://www.pets911.org).

Please spay and neuter your four-legged friend or do not plan on having one. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

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