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Breeders to Stores

Puppies Imported into Colorado for Resale

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The Bailing Out Benji research into where the puppy mill puppy brokers acquire their puppies for resale from is contained throughout this report.



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News—Colorado Open Records Act

3CW has been preparing this report since 2015. We get the data for this report under the Colorado Open Records Act. It comes from the State of Colorado, Dept of Agriculture through PACFA (Pet Animal Care Facility Act).

After requesting the 2023 data through the Colorado Open Records Act, we were told it could not be released. What could be released was a .pdf report with all useful data redacted, basically a file devoid of any content.

Good news—in August, 2024, an HSUS attorney wrote a compelling letter to PACFA citing all the laws and logic for why PACFA was legally required to release the data needed for this report. PACFA provided the data within a few days.

We are busy incorporating the 2023 data into an updated report. Nevertheless, this report with statistics for 2019-2022 is still invaluable. Note that 100% of the stores have years of history of buying from puppy mills or puppy mill puppy brokers. Even without precise 2023 and later numbers, it is clear where the retail pet store retailers get their puppies from.

While our database goes back years, In order to keep the pages short enough to digest, we began our tables for this report with 2019.



Breeders* to Stores
2019-2022

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*Only out-of-state breeders are included in this report since in-state breeding data is unavailable to the public.

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Preface—Where do out-of-state puppies come from?

Commercial Breeding Establishments

This report will demonstrate WHY breeding dogs via Commercial Breeding Establishments (CBE's) should be eliminated and why pet stores should not be supporting CBEs and passing their puppies on to consumers.

Making money is in conflict with providing for the welfare of the dog. Dog breeding in CBE's is a small business for many. For most, their need to meet their objective of **making money** is diametrically opposed to providing for the welfare of the dogs.

Living standards for the dogs are poor. Controversy surrounds it inasmuch as the USDA living standards are considered by many to be so poor as to be inhumane. The Pet Animal Care Facility Act (PACFA) standards in Colorado are marginally better. However, the oversight of the CBE's is infrequent and many situations are worse than squalid, with the dogs receiving no timely veterinary care, no daily human socialization and living in great stress. Stress can be caused by many things: being in pain, fear of cold/heat, rough contact with people, little contact with kind people, inadequate food, ready access to potable water, having puppies removed from mothers too early, need for exercise, need for a clean and spacious environment, fear of other dogs, etc.

Dogs NEED daily human socialization. Since dogs have been bred selectively for hundreds of years for their desire and willingness to be with mankind, they now have a very real emotional need in their DNA to be with their human pack leader.

According to Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson, **"Animals Make Us Human"**, Mariner Books. Dogs NEED human companionship. They quote Patricia McConnell (p. 64) **"...dogs need social companionship almost as much as they need food and water."**¹

According to Dr. Frank McMillan (see **"Behavioral and psychological outcomes for dogs sold as puppies through pet stores and/or born in commercial breeding establishments"** Journal of Veterinary Behavior 19 (2017) pp 14-16) puppies from CBE's also have behavioral and psychological issues. Common ones are aggression, increased fear, separation anxiety, attention-seeking and heightened sensitivity to touch.

According to Drs. McMillan, Duffy and Serpeli in **"Mental health of dogs formerly used as 'breeding stock' in commercial breeding establishments"**, Applied Animal Behavior Science—135 (2011) 86-94, the breeder dogs **develop persistent fears and phobias.**

"Damaged dogs" are passed onto unsuspecting consumers. Drs. McMillan, Duffy and Serpeli write that **"it is impossible to fully meet the needs of the breeder dogs and their puppies in the current CBE paradigm. We must acknowledge this; CBE's for dogs should be illegal."**



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Statistics and Information

Statistics and information in this report comes from publicly-available sources. Some must be obtained through the Colorado Open Records Act, the Freedom of Information Act while others are openly available to the public via Internet/website access.

Information Sources

- **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA)** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/home/>
- **Colorado—Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) - operates under the Colorado USDA—Active Facility List** <https://ag.colorado.gov/ics/pet-animal-care-facilities-act-pacfa/active-pacfa-facilities>
- **Colorado Secretary of State** <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business>
- **Voter Records** <https://voterrecords.com/>
- **Bailing Out Benji** <https://bailingoutbenji.com/puppy-mill-maps/cvi-data/colorado/>
- **Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)** <https://www.humanesociety.org/> HSUS annually publishes their HSUS Horrible Hundred list showing the worst puppy mills in the nation.

A key source for tracking the origins of an animal sold by a pet store is the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Before an animal is transported out-of-state, a veterinarian, accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), must visually examine the animal for signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease and, if no disease is found, sign the certificate for approval to transport.

Colorado does not require that a CVI be issued for animals being transported within the state but does require a CVI for animals entering the state from other states. These inter-state CVIs detailing animals coming into the state have been accumulated by 3CW for the purpose of understanding where Colorado pet stores buy their puppies, highlighting in particular where animals are being purchased from puppy mills or puppy brokers. The tables in this report were created by 3CW from publicly-available data from the Colorado division of the USDA. The details about various breeders/brokers were provided through extensive research by BailingOutBenji.com.





Statistics and Information (continued)

The statistics contained in this report all come from publicly-available sources obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Key sources are the Federal USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) database and the Colorado CVI (Colorado Veterinary Information) forms submitted for each dog entering the State of Colorado from out-of-state.

The USDA APHIS database lists all commercial breeders (type A) and commercial brokers (type B) including their inspection reports and violations.

Dates on their inspection reports demonstrate that USDA inspections are infrequent. In addition, violations are frequently not noted but are discovered through various undercover investigations.

This report contains the latest data available through these sources. Some of the data goes back years showing violations while newer data is not in their database.

The USDA continues to have insufficient inspectors. Our current basis for animal standards is the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) which was passed in 1966. Its standards are so low, dogs are treated very poorly like livestock. Even so, enforcement of existing very-poor standards is so lax that many dogs are discovered having suffered in inhumane conditions or with painful medical problems for months, sometimes years, sometimes even dying from them with no veterinary attention.

Legislation

This lack of regulation and enforcement by the USDA of the Animal Welfare Act of unconcerned, neglectful, commercial breeders and brokers has sparked outrage through their inhumane treatment of dogs in their care; that outrage has resulted in two bills that are pending in Congress in 3Q 2024; note that both bills have been referred to the Committee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry in early 2023..

- **Goldie's Act**—H.R..1788 would **require** that the USDA **enforce** the Animal Welfare Act standards
- **Puppy Protection Act**—H.R. 1624 would amend the Animal Welfare Act to require **significant improvements** in the standards of care required for USDA licensed dog breeders.



Responsible—Ethical—Reputable Breeders

Below is what a responsible/ethical/reputable breeder does.

Not a single pet store gets their puppies from one of these breeders—since responsible breeders will never, ever sell their puppies to a pet store.

- **Sells their puppies to only people they meet in person—never selling through brokers/third-parties/pet stores/Internet—interviews the buyer to assess that the potential home is appropriate;**
- **Encourages buyers to visit, see where the puppy was born, meet and see the temperament of the parents;**
- **Keeps dogs in spacious, clean, comfortable areas;**
- **Provides daily human and canine socialization;**
- **Provides enrichment—toys, mental stimulation, exercise as appropriate for the breed;**
- **Provides timely veterinarian care;**
- **Specializes in only one or a couple of breeds—does not always have puppies available;**
- **Breeds sparingly—limits the number of litters a female will have in a lifetime—some limit it to no more than three litters;**
- **Breeds for Health—has all the recommended breed-specific health tests done with results registered in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) <https://ofa.org/chic-programs/>**
- **Follows up with puppy buyers over the life of the puppy/dog to share and gather new health information;**
- **Has a contract with the buyer wherein if the buyer can no longer keep the puppy, it is returned directly to the breeder for re-homing.**



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Colorado Pet Stores

The below pet stores ALL falsely claim that they buy from
ONLY RESPONSIBLE, ETHICAL, REPUTABLE breeders.
 Yet every single pet store purchases from sources with
USDA Animal Welfare Violations!

Purchase of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# Puppies Imported					
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Aquatic Dog	178	330	286	125	919
Gone Wild Pet & Supply		104	132	71	307
Just Pets (closed 03/24)	900	753	632	436	2721
Perfect Pets	1381	1789	1688	1236	6094
Pet City - Chapel Hills	400	297	376	491	1564
Pet City - Citadel (closed 07/24)	632	401	570	702	2305
Pet City - Fort Collins	559	746	628	368	2301
Pet Paradise	433	430	508	418	1789
Pet Ranch	1120	1541	1535	1099	5295
Valley Pets	120	95	109	60	384
Total	5723	6486	6464	5006	23679

See the individual store detail in the Pet Store Reports section for
WHICH sources each pet store buys from.



Seller Types
(that Colorado Pet Stores get their out-of-state puppies from)

Commercial Breeding Establishments (CBE's) (Large-Scale Breeders, Breeders, or indirectly through Brokers) are grouped into categories in the table below.

- An astounding 69% come through puppy mill puppy brokers;
- Almost 13% came from breeders recognized by HSUS in their HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill lists;
- Large-Scale and smaller breeders who had USDA animal welfare violations accounted for 7.2% and 1.2%.

A shocking 90.4% of the imported puppies came from sources with USDA Animal Welfare Violations!

Colorado Pet Store Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale by Type of Seller						
Type of Seller	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total	% of Total
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	4635	5140	4931	3286	17992	69.3%
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	1218	610	767	738	3333	12.8%
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	910	339	338	257	1844	7.1%
Breeder, History of Violations	124	54	44	81	303	1.2%
Other Breeder	432	394	335	591	1752	6.7%
Large-Scale Breeder	327	89	139	109	664	2.6%
Unlicensed Breeder	40		18	25	83	0.3%
Total	7686	6626	6572	5087	25971	100.0%

Green = Breeders or Puppy Brokers with USDA Animal Welfare Violations

Buyer beware! Absolutely ALL of the pet stores selling puppies (in this report) purchased wholesale puppies from sources with USDA Animal Welfare Violations.



Pet Store Reports

The following section reviews the imported puppy records of *each store*. These records are available to the public from the State of Colorado through the Colorado Open Records Act.

At the end of 2022, there were still 10 pet stores selling puppies in the State of Colorado. Over the prior 4 years, we have seen four stores close. Now two more have recently closed, leaving 8 retail pet stores selling puppies in business. The who closed in 2024 are:

- Just Pets in Lone Tree—closed in March, 2024
- Pet City—Citadel in Colorado Springs—closed in July, 2024

Progress is also visible across the nation. In the middle of 2024, there are approximately 498 cities and several entire states who have made it illegal to sell retail puppies and kittens out of stores. The public is becoming more educated about where puppies come from.

With many retail outlets now unavailable to breeders, the puppy mills are under greater pressure to find new outlets in new cities, sell more over the Internet through beautiful web sites as well as sell more wholesale puppies to remaining stores.

Unfortunately, many commercial breeders have no problem continuing to keep their breeder dogs in horrid living conditions. In addition, equally unconcerned pet stores continue to import their puppies for resale, lying to consumers saying the puppies come from “good, responsible breeders.”

Read the individual Pet Store Reports and you will see where the vast majority of puppies for sale in pet stores really come from—puppy mills with animal welfare violations, either directly or through a puppy broker.

Colorado Citizens for Canine Welfare has compiled the import records and sources for each store and overall for Colorado from publicly available information provided by the State of Colorado.

Bailing Out Benji has researched and published deeper source information for the puppy mill puppy brokers. Not only does Bailing Out Benji compile statistics for almost every state in the country, they also took each store in Colorado and researched the actual initial puppy source, which has not always been evident to the public when the puppies come through several hands—breeder, broker, store. [Many thanks to Bailing Out Benji!](#)





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Pet Store Report—Aquatic Dog

Pet Store Name: Aquatic Dog

Owned by: Pets Plus LLC

Store Address: 7429 East Iliff Ave, Denver, Colorado

Store Phone: 303-369-8812

Registered Agent: Elisa Phillips

Registered Agent Address: 13740 E Quincy Avenue, Aurora, CO 80015

Pet Store Website: <https://www.aquaticdog.com/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Dog	178	330	286	125	919
<input type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	24				24
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	24				24
<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	154	330	286	125	895
Crittersville	99	225	194	114	632
Nebraskaland Pets	55	105	92	11	263
Total	178	330	286	125	919

*Large Scale Breeder—100 or more puppy/dog transfers per year.

Buyer beware! 100% of the puppies Aquatic Dog imports for resale come from either Puppy Mill Puppy Brokers or Large-Scale Breeders with a History of USDA Animal Welfare Violations!



Pet Store Report—Aquatic Dog



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Beginning in 2020, Aquatic Dog began using Crittersville and Nebraskaland Pets as their exclusive out-of-state puppy sources. Both are puppy mill puppy brokers. Reaching back to the actual sources that Crittersville and Nebraskaland Pets use requires import records from each state they source from. In addition to buying puppies for resale to pet stores from puppy mills, both Crittersville and Nebraskaland Pets also operate their own commercial breeding facilities AKA puppy mills, both within the State of Nebraska.

Sources:

Crittersville Enterprises, LLC. Brian Warren Culbertson, Nebraska

Iowa

- Judy Maassen and John Maassen, Adorable Puppy AKA J Maassen Inc. Rock Valley, Iowa- 208 adult breeding dogs and 110 puppies. **This facility was also named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2015.**
- Linda Mulder and Mary Mulder, Limi Je M Kennel. Boyden, Iowa- 30 adult breeding dogs and 11 puppies.
- Loren Kooiman and Lora Kooiman, Riverview Kennels. Door, Iowa- 10 adult breeding dogs and 8 puppies.
- Stan Korver and Linda Korver. Orange City, Iowa- 23 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies.

Kansas

- Barbara Cooper. McDonald, Kansas- **is not USDA licensed.**
- Clair Carlisle and Susan Carlisle, S&C Farms AKA Carlisle Farms. Coldwater, Kansas- 33 dogs and 2 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2020.**
- Devin Spears, Triple S Puppies. Osborne, Kansas- 38 adult breeding dogs and 19 puppies.
- Doug Gurtler and Loretta Gurtler, D&L Kennels. Beattie, Kansas- 15 adult breeding dogs and 1 puppy.
- Jacky Roesener. McDonald, Kansas- 89 adult breeding dogs and 39 puppies.
- Jeanne Becker. Osborne, Kansas- 54 adult breeding dogs and 22 puppies.
- Jodi File and Bill File. Beloit, Kansas- recently cancelled USDA License in 2022.



Pet Store Report—Aquatic Dog



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Sources—Crittersville (continued):

Oklahoma

- Carol Haley and Steve Haley, Haley Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma - 107 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Debra Tignor, Quail Court Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma- 42 adult breeding dogs and 10 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Kimberlie Thetford. Sayre, Oklahoma - 41 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Zola Price, Steve Price and Taylor Miner. Laverne, Oklahoma - 120 adult breeding dogs and 72 puppies. *major supplier*

South Dakota

- Arin Riggs. Ethan, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Beverly Nydam-Varilek. Stickney, South Dakota - 48 adult breeding dogs and 34 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cal Veurink and Karen Veurink, Dakota Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota - 60 adult breeding dogs and 44 puppies. *major supplier*
- Carla Pederson, Pederson Farms. Freeman, South Dakota - 36 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cindy Hubers, Da Pa Kli Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota - 147 adult breeding dogs and 49 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2014 and was also selling puppies to Crittersville while receiving violations and an official warning from the USDA.** *major supplier*
- Faye Degen and Kelley Degen, Prairie Wind Kennels. Parkston, South Dakota - 30 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies.
- Jared Feldhaus and John Callies. Howard, South Dakota- 7 adult breeding dogs and 3 puppies.
- Jean Gortmaker, Gortmaker Acres. Saint Lawrence, South Dakota - this facility cancelled their USDA License in 2022 but had 62 adult breeding dogs and 15 puppies.
- Jim Klinkhammer. Howard, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Joette Peterson. Freeman, South Dakota - This facility cancelled their USDA license in 2021 but had been previously named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in [2018](#), [2017](#) and [2016](#) due to violations.
- Karon Wilson. Viborg, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Kaycie Klimisch. Utica, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Keith Jensen. Freeman, South Dakota - 24 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies.
- Shelly Benson. Parker, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Sue Boersma and Paul Boersma. Monroe, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Theresa Mueller and Jessica Mueller. Mount Vernon, South Dakota - 50 adult breeding dogs and 6 puppies.
- Tina Brennan, Brennan Kennels. Pukwana, South Dakota - 20 adult breeding dogs and 18 puppies. *regular supplier*



Pet Store Report—Aquatic Dog



Sources (continued):

Nebraskaland Pets AKA Big Red Country Kennel. Angie and Casey Schaff, Atkinson Nebraska

Large-scale puppy broker and breeder with 220 adult breeding dogs and 189 puppies on the premises at the time of the last inspection.

Nebraskaland Pets puppy broker sources:

Iowa

- Judy Vande Weerd Rock Rapids, IA. Has not been inspected since 2021.
- Mark Mulder and Kayla Mulder George, IA. Had violations in 2022 for using expired medications.

Minnesota

- AJ's Angels Cushing, MN **They were named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Major Supplier.
- Mike Jouvstra MN Had violations in 2023. Changes his USDA number often. Was cited by the USDA for an enclosure with a wire floor that allowed puppies feet and legs to pass through. Regular supplier.

South Dakota

- Bonnie Versteeg Platte, SD
- Carla Pederson Freeman, SD
- Cindy Hubers Harrison, SD Major supplier. **Named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Received a USDA warning.

Yelp Reviews

2.6 out of 5 stars https://www.yelp.com/biz/aquatic-dog-denver?hrid=96JliSTHFiu8b1L38aT6zw&rh_type=phrase&rh_ident=sheila



Pet Store Report—Gone Wild Pet & Supply

Pet Store Name: Gone Wild Pet & Supply
Store Address: 1373 Forest Park Circle Lafayette, CO 80026
Store Phone: 303-604-6764
Registered Agent: Matthew A. Athey
Registered Agent Address: 1365 Forest Park Cit Ste 103 Lafayette, CO 80026
Pet Store Website: <https://www.gonewildpetsupply.com/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale				
	# of Puppies			
	2020	2021	2022	Total
Gone Wild Pet & Supply	104	132	71	307
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	104	132	71	307
Crittersville	104	132	71	307
Total	104	132	71	307

Note:
 Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

Buyer beware! 100% of the puppies imported for resale came from Crittersville, well-known for buying from puppy mills with USDA Animal Welfare Violations.



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Pet Store Report—Just Pets

Out of Business
March, 2024

Pet Store Name: Just Pets
Owned by: Ryker Vista Enterprises, LLC
Store Address: 8874 Maximus Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80214
Store Phone: 303-662-8900
Registered Agent: Erik Boschee
Registered Agent Address: 9797 Gatesbury Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
Pet Store Website: <https://www.justpetsco.com/>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Just Pets	900	753	632	436	2721
<input type="checkbox"/> HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	303	329	258	323	1213
BJ's & Guys	291	329	258	323	1201
English Sage, LLC	12				12
<input type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder	81				81
Devaron Zimmerman	81				81
<input type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	66	3			69
Lorilee Thomas	21				21
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	45	3			48
<input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	450	421	374	113	1358
Critttersville	6				6
Nebraskaland Pets	444	421	374	113	1352
Total	900	753	632	436	2721

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In 2022, 100% of the puppies Just Pets imported for resale were from BJ's & Guys (HSUS Horrible Hundred list), or Nebraskaland Pets (breeder and puppy mill puppy broker), *both with USDA Animal Welfare Violations!*

Sources:

BJ's & Guys (Sharon Monk) Menlo, Kansas

- **Named by HSUS as a Horrible Hundred puppy mill.**
- BJ's is thought to be the largest breeder/broker in Kansas with reports of from 641 breeding dogs to up to 1,212 dogs.
- Has had many serious USDA Animal Welfare violations - Shih-Tzu with a swollen, red eye that had a copious, thick discharge; a Pomeranian with scabs and hair loss; a pug with an eye disorder. In addition puppies were found with their feet dangling through 1" wire mesh; excessive heat conditions, etc.



Pet Store Report—Just Pets

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- Mark Mulder and Kayla Mulder George, IA. Had violations in 2022 for using expired medications.

Minnesota

- AJ's Angels Cushing, MN **They were named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Major Supplier.
- Mike Jouwstra MN Had violations in 2023. Changes his USDA number often. Was cited by the USDA for an enclosure with a wire floor that allowed puppies feet and legs to pass through. Regular supplier.

South Dakota

- Bonnie Versteeg Platte, SD
- Carla Pederson Freeman, SD
- Cindy Hubers Harrison, SD Major supplier. **Named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Received a USDA warning.

Reviews of Just Pets

Out of Business—March, 2024

Yelp Reviews

2.6 out of 5 stars

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/just-pets-lone-tree?osq=Just+Pets>



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Pet Store Report—Perfect Pets

Pet Store Name:	Perfect Pets
Owned by:	X and B Pets, Inc.
Store Address:	6840 S Univ Blvd #410, Centennial CO 80122
Store Phone:	303-972-0191
Owner Contact:	Jens Larsen
Contact Address:	6421 S Billings Way Centennial, CO 80122
Pet Store Website:	https://www.perfectpetsdenver.com/

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
	# of Puppies by year				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Perfect Pets	1381	1789	1688	1236	6094
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	269	133	148	121	671
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	269	133	148	121	671
Puppy Mill Puppy Bro-	1110	1598	1533	1115	5356
Crittersville	18				18
Nebraskaland Pets	1092	1598	1533	1115	5338
Other Breeder	2	58	7		67
Cynthi Hartsuiker		58	7		65
Larry Naillieux	2				2
Total	1381	1789	1688	1236	6094

Note:
Breeder and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

*Large Scale Breeder—100 or more puppy/dog transfers per year.

Buyer beware! From 2019 -2022, Perfect Pets imported into Colorado 6,094 puppies, of which 99% were from sources with USDA Animal Welfare Violations. In 2022 that rose to 100%.



Pet Store Report—Perfect Pets

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Thanks to Bailing Out Benji for researching Nebraskaland Pets and Rebecca and Sam Mosshart—SBM Kennels, the sole sources of out-of-state puppies for resale purchased by Perfect Pets in 2022. All data obtained was through the Freedom of Information Act from the States and the USDA APHIS database.

Sources:

- **Nebraskaland Pets**—Angie and Casey Schaff, AKA Big Red Country Kennels. Atkinson, Nebraska
 - They operate both a kennel as well as broker puppies by buying from other breeders and reselling them to pet stores. Their own kennel on June 28, 2022 per a USDA Inspection Report had 51 adult breeding dogs.
 - Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and selling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota at least since 2011. Sources include:

Iowa

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South Dakota

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Pet Store Report—Perfect Pets

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Sources (continued):

- **Rebecca and Sam Mosshart, SBM Kennels.** Protection, Kansas
 - They operate a large kennel. On 8/9/2022 per the USDA Inspection Report, they had 61 adult breeding dogs and 129 puppies.
 - Rebecca Mosshart is an opponent of a relatively new Kansas law regulating rescues and breeders. She also doesn't agree with surprise inspections.

Reviews of Perfect Pets

- **Yahoo Reviews (May, 2023).** <https://www.yelp.com/biz/perfect-pets-centennial>.
65 reviews—2 out of 5 stars.
- **Chamber of Commerce reviews (May, 2023)** <https://www.chamberofcommerce.com/united-states/colorado/centennial/pet-store/2004442604-perfect-pets>
456 Reviews—3.6 out of 5 stars.

Statistics compiled by Colorado Citizens for Canine Welfare (3CW) from Freedom of Information Act state-supplied data. Statistics effective 12-31-2022



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Pet Store Report—Pet City—Chapel Hills

Pet Store Name: Pet City—Chapel Hills

Owned by: Precious Pets, Inc.

Store Address: Chapel Hills Mall 1710 Briargate Blvd Ste 411 Colo Springs, CO 80909

Store Phone: 719-599-8899

Owner Contact: Dustin Haworth

Registered Agent Address: 43610 Spitfire Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Pet Store Website: <http://www.petcitypetshops.net/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# of Puppies					
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet City - Chapel Hills	400	297	376	491	1564
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breeder, History of Violations	40	24	19	36	119
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	54	137	220	166	577
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	129	2	2	20	153
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder	56	20	18	20	114
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Breeder	121	114	111	241	587
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed Breeder			6	8	14
Total	400	297	376	491	1564

Note:
 Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

Large-scale breeders—100 or more transfers per year.

Buyer beware! From 2019-2022 Pet City—Chapel Hills purchased 54% of their out-of-state puppies for resale from breeders with USDA Animal Welfare Violations!

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Pet Store Report—Pet City—Chapel Hills

Pet City—Citadel (**out of business July, 2024**) and Pet City—Chapel Hills share a single website with all the same false claims.

Pet City Pet Shops Website

About us

All of our puppies are chosen from licensed reputable breed-

The above claim can easily be disproven. Reputable breeders **BREED FOR HEALTH**. Just ask for documentation that the puppy was “bred for health.”

- Did both mother and father dogs have ALL the health tests recommended by the AKC parent breed club?
- Validate that ALL the parent health test results recommended on the AKC parent breed club website were REGISTERED on the national Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)
 - Go to <https://ofa.org> and input the mother and father AKC registration numbers and view the results.
- Validate that the breeder stays in touch with the puppy buyer on a regular basis (e.g. annually) over the life of the puppy/dog to:
 - Share newly discovered health information about your puppy’s littermates and relatives
 - Gather health information on your puppy/dog to input back into the breeding program.

It is simply illogical to think that all 147 of the breeders Pet City—Chapel Hills purchased from are “REPUTABLE” and BREED FOR HEALTH.

Of the 147 breeders purchased from, 24 breeders who have USDA Animal Welfare Violations account for 54% of the puppies purchased for resale. How could it even be possible that these breeders with violations are REPUTABLE and BREED FOR HEALTH. The probability that the mother and father breeder dogs had ALL the breed-recommended tests AND are properly registered in the Canine Health Information Center database is most likely ZERO.



Pet Store Report—Pet City—Chapel Hills

Pet City—Chapel Hills—apparently has no ethics problem purchasing out-of-state puppies for resale from breeders who have USDA Animal Welfare Violations.

Of the 1,564 puppies purchased from 2019-2022...

...577 came from HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mills.

...115 came from breeders with a history of animal welfare violations.

...153 came from large-scale breeders (over 100 transfers a year) with a history of animal welfare violations.

To learn more about these sources, go to <https://bailingoutbenji.com/puppy-mill-maps/cvi-data/colorado/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# of Puppies					
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Pet City - Chapel Hills	400	297	376	491	1564
Breeder, History of Violations	40	24	19	36	119
Cedar Grove Kennels	2		2	2	6
David Troyer	11	14	6	8	39
Eli D. Schrock		2		1	3
James E. Yoder	10	4		3	17
Melvin Miller	4	3	4	6	17
Pondview Kennel	1				1
Samuel R. Mast	9		1		10
Shady Lawn Kennel	1	1	5	11	18
Taylor Ridge Kennel	2		1	5	8
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	54	137	220	166	577
Atlee Yoder				2	2
Blue Ribbon Puppies	38	127	214	157	536
John Bontrager Jr.	5	3	1	1	10
Larry Yoder	1		1		2
Pam Wilson	2				2
Sunset Kennels		2			2
That'll Do Kennel	2		3	3	8
Triple Y Kennel	4	2	1	3	10
Wayne Troyer	2	3			5
Large-Scale Breeder, Hist. of Violations	129	2	2	20	153
Cloveridge Kennel			2	12	14
Crystal Howard	12	2			14
Lewis Bloom	1				1
Lorilee Thomas	111				111
Perry Bontrager	1				1
Shadow Valley Kennel	4			8	12
Large-Scale Breeder	56	20	18	20	114
Other Breeder	121	114	111	241	587
Unlicensed Breeder			6	8	14
Total	400	297	376	491	1564

Green = those with USDA ANIMAL WELFARE VIOLATIONS.

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Pet Store Report—Pet City—Citadel

Pet City—Citadel
Out of Business July, 2024

Pet Store Name: Pet City—Citadel
Owned by: Baja, Inc.
Store Address: 750 E. Citadel Drive E Colo Springs, CO 80909
Store Phone: 719-596-2722
Owner Contact: Bree Maestas
Owner Address: 4130 Dunbarton Lane Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Pet Store Website: <http://www.petcitypetshops.net/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet City - Citadel - Baja	632	401	570	702	2305
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breeder, History of Violations	55	26	24	44	149
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	92	74	282	245	693
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder	78	41	27	26	172
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	192	50	22	38	302
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Breeder	213	210	203	332	958
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed Breeder	2		12	17	31
Total	632	401	570	702	2305

Note:
 Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

Buyer beware! Pet City—Citadel purchased almost 50% of their out-of-state puppies for resale from breeders with USDA Animal Welfare Violations!

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Pet Store Report—Pet City—Citadel

Pet City—Citadel
Out of Business July, 2024

Pet City—Citadel apparently has no ethics problem purchasing out-of-state puppies for resale from breeders who have USDA Animal Welfare Violations.

Of the 2,305 puppies purchased from 2019-2022...

...693 came from HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mills.

...149 came from breeders with a history of violations.

...302 came from large-scale breeders (over 100 transfers a year) with a history of violations.

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies by Year				Grand Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Pet City - Citadel - Baja	632	401	570	702	2305
Breeder, History of Violations	55	26	24	44	149
Cedar Grove Kennels			2	4	6
David and Anna Nisley	1				1
David Troyer	12	14	12	11	49
Eli D. Schrock		1		3	4
James E. Yoder	9	3		3	15
Kuntry Pups Kennel	2				2
Melvin Miller	8	4	4	6	22
Pondview Kennel	4			3	7
Samuel R. Mast	6		1		7
Shady Lawn Kennel	6	2	3	12	23
Taylor Ridge Kennel	7	2	2	2	13
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	92	74	282	245	693
Atlee Yoder	3		1	4	8
Blue Ribbon Puppies	75	63	269	232	639
John Bontrager Jr.	7	4	5		16
Pam Wilson	2				2
Sunset Kennels		5	1	2	8
That'll Do Kennel	1		4	3	8
Triple Y Kennel	3	2	2	4	11
Wayne Troyer	1				1
Large-Scale Breeder	78	41	27	26	172
Large-Scale Breeder, Hist. of Viola-	192	50	22	38	302
Cloveridge Kennel	1		3	28	32
Crystal Howard	13	31	16		60
Lewis Bloom	2	7			9
Lorilee Thomas	168	12			180
Perry Bontrager	4				4
Shadow Valley Kennel	4		3	10	17
Other Breeder	213	210	203	332	958
Unlicensed Breeder	2		12	17	31
Grand Total	632	401	570	702	2305

Table names those with USDA ANIMAL WELFARE VIOLATIONS.



Pet Store Report-Pet City-Citadel

Pet City—Citadel
Out of Business July, 2024

Pet City Pet Shops Website (Excerpt):

About Us

.... All of our puppies are chosen from licensed reputable breeders....

Pet City—Citadel and Pet City—Chapel Hills share a single website with all the same false claims.

The above claim can easily be disproven. Reputable breeders **BREED FOR HEALTH**. Just ask for documentation that the puppy was “bred for health.”

- Did both mother and father dogs have ALL the health tests recommended by the AKC parent breed club?
- Validate that ALL the parent health test results recommended on the AKC parent breed club website were REGISTERED on the national Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)
 - Go to <https://ofa.org> and input the mother and father AKC registration numbers and view the results.
- Validate that the breeder stays in touch with the puppy buyer on a regular basis (e.g. annually) over the life of the puppy/dog to:
 - Share newly discovered health information about their puppy’s littermates and relatives

It is simply illogical to think that over 170 breeders that this store buys from are “REPUTABLE” and BREED FOR HEALTH.

Almost 50% of the puppies Pet City—Citadel purchased for resale came from breeders with USDA Animal Welfare Violations! Further, it is highly unlikely that the breeder will EVER know the buyer. Therefore, no health information will be collected for input into the breeding program, nor will unfolding health information on the relatives be shared with the puppy buyer.

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For a complete list of breeders this store buys from, go to <https://bailingoutbenji.com/puppy-mill-maps/cvi-data/colorado/>





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Pet Store Report—Pet City—Fort Collins

Pet Store Name: Pet City—Fort Collins
Owned By: A Best Friend, LLC.
Store Address: 3663 S. College Avenue #10 Fort Collins, CO 80525
Store Phone: (970) 223-5318
Pet Store Website: <https://www.petcityfortcollins.com/>
Registered Agent: Karen Lynne Kimmes
Registered Agent Address: 3663 S College Ave Ste 10, Fort Collins, CO 80525
Pet Store Website: <https://www.petcityfortcollins.com/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Pet City - Fort Collins	559	746	628	368	2301
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill		54	7	4	65
Sharon Curless			7	4	11
Willow		54			54
Large-Scale Breeder, Hist. of Viola-	172	149	166	78	565
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	172	149	166	78	565
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	387	543	455	286	1671
Crittersville	387	543	455	286	1671
Total	559	746	628	368	2301

Note:

Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

*Large Scale Breeder—100 or more puppy/dog transfers per year.

Buyer beware! 100% of the puppies imported for resale came from sources with USDA Animal Welfare Violations.



Pet Store Report—Pet City—Fort Collins



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Sources—Crittersville continued):

Oklahoma

- Carol Haley and Steve Haley, Haley Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma - 107 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Debra Tignor, Quail Court Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma - 42 adult breeding dogs and 10 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Kimberlie Thetford. Sayre, Oklahoma - 41 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Zola Price, Steve Price and Taylor Miner. Laverne, Oklahoma - 120 adult breeding dogs and 72 puppies. *major supplier*

South Dakota

- Arin Riggs. Ethan, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Beverly Nydam-Varilek. Stickney, South Dakota - 48 adult breeding dogs and 34 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cal Veurink and Karen Veurink, Dakota Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota - 60 adult breeding dogs and 44 puppies. *major supplier*
- Carla Pederson, Pederson Farms. Freeman, South Dakota - 36 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cindy Hubers, Da Pa Kli Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota- 147 adult breeding dogs and 49 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2014 and was also selling puppies to Crittersville while receiving violations and an official warning from the USDA.** *major supplier*
- Faye Degen and Kelley Degen, Prairie Wind Kennels. Parkston, South Dakota- 30 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies.
- Jared Feldhaus and John Callies. Howard, South Dakota- 7 adult breeding dogs and 3 puppies.
- Jean Gortmaker, Gortmaker Acres. Saint Lawrence, South Dakota- this facility cancelled their USDA License in 2022 but had 62 adult breeding dogs and 15 puppies.
- Jim Klinkhammer. Howard, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Joette Peterson. Freeman, South Dakota - This facility cancelled their USDA license in 2021 but had been previously named one of the **worst puppy mills in the country in 2018, 2017 and 2016** due to violations.
- Karon Wilson. Viborg, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Kaycie Klimisch. Utica, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Keith Jensen. Freeman, South Dakota - 24 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies.
- Shelly Benson. Parker, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Sue Boersma and Paul Boersma. Monroe, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Theresa Mueller and Jessica Mueller. Mount Vernon, South Dakota - 50 adult breeding dogs and 6 puppies.
- Tina Brennan, Brennan Kennels. Pukwana, South Dakota- 20 adult breeding dogs and 18 puppies. *regular supplier*



Pet Store Report—Pet City—Fort Collins



Thanks to Bailing Out Benji for doing the research through the USDA APHIS records and state puppy import records across the entire United States. They have tracked information available through the Freedom of Information Act to see which breeders the puppy mill puppy brokers buy from and which pet stores the brokers sell to. The source data is available at BailingOutBenji.com

In 2022, Pet City—Fort Collins bought from only three out-of-state puppy wholesalers—Crittersville, Moss-hart—SBM Kennel and Sharon Curless. All of these have received USDA Animal Welfare Violations.

Sources:

Crittersville Enterprises, LLC. Brian Warren Culbertson, Nebraska

Large-scale puppy broker and breeder with 12 adult breeding dogs and 32 puppies on the premises at the time of the last inspection.

Crittersville puppy broker sources:

Iowa

- Judy Maassen and John Maassen, Adorable Puppy AKA J Maassen Inc. Rock Valley, Iowa- 208 adult breeding dogs and 110 puppies. **This facility was also named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2015.**
- Linda Mulder and Mary Mulder, Limi Je M Kennel. Boyden, Iowa - 30 adult breeding dogs and 11 puppies.
- Loren Kooiman and Lora Kooiman, Riverview Kennels. Door, Iowa - 10 adult breeding dogs and 8 puppies.
- Stan Korver and Linda Korver. Orange City, Iowa - 23 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies.

Kansas

- Barbara Cooper. McDonald, Kansas - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Clair Carlisle and Susan Carlisle, S&C Farms AKA Carlisle Farms. Coldwater, Kansas - 33 dogs and 2 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2020.**
- Devin Spears, Triple S Puppies. Osborne, Kansas - 38 adult breeding dogs and 19 puppies.
- Doug Gurtler and Loretta Gurtler, D&L Kennels. Beattie, Kansas - 15 adult breeding dogs and 1 puppy.
- Jacky Roesener. McDonald, Kansas - 89 adult breeding dogs and 39 puppies.
- Jeanne Becker. Osborne, Kansas - 54 adult breeding dogs and 22 puppies.
- Jodi File and Bill File. Beloit, Kansas - recently cancelled USDA License in 2022.



Pet Store Report—Pet City—Fort Collins

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Sources (continued):

Rebecca and Sam Mosshart—SBM Kennel, Protection, Kansas

- They operate a large kennel. On 8/9/2022 per the USDA Inspection Report, they had **61 adult breeding dogs and 129 puppies**.
- Rebecca Mosshart is an opponent of a relatively new Kansas [law regulating](#) rescues and breeders. She also doesn't agree with surprise inspections.
- SBM Kennel is the broker side of the business. We do not have source information for where they source the puppies for brokerage.



Pet Store Report—Pet Paradise

Pet Store Name: Pet Paradise
Owned By: Ron and Connie Kendall
Store Address: 115 Pueblo Boulevard Way
Store Phone: (719) 564-6191
Owner Contact: Ron and Connie Kendall
Owner Address: 1620 Lynwood Lane Pueblo, CO 81005
Pet Store Website: <https://pueblopetparadise.com/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Pet Paradise	433	430	508	418	1789
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Viola-	58	2			60
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	58	2			60
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	375	428	508	418	1729
Crittersville	375	428	508	418	1729
Total	433	430	508	418	1789

Note:

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Buyer beware! Beginning in 2021, Pet Paradise has been purchasing its out-of-state puppies exclusively from Crittersville, a known breeder and broker for puppy mills with many USDA Animal Welfare Violations.

Yelp Reviews—22 Reviews—2 out of 5 stars

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/pet-paradise-pueblo>



Pet Store Report—Pet Paradise

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Beginning in 2021, Pet Paradise began purchasing all of their out-of-state puppies for resale through Crittersville. Crittersville has two business sides—a breeding operation and a puppy mill puppy broker operation.

Crittersville buys from puppy mills who have been recognized as among the worst puppy mills in the country.

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Pet Store Report—Pet Paradise

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Crittersville puppy broker sources (continued):

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Pet Store Report—Pet Ranch

Pet Store Name:	Pet Ranch
Owned By:	5th Avenue Pets, Inc
Store Address:	3823 E 120th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233
Store Phone:	303-452-2050
Owner Contact:	Troy Gockley
Owner Address:	13818 Krameria St., Thornton, CO 80602
Pet Store Website:	http://petranchthornton.com/about_us

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Pet Ranch	1120	1541	1535	1099	5295
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	1120	1541	1535	1099	5295
Critttersville	479	797	601	365	2242
Nebraskaland Pets	641	744	934	734	3053
Total	1120	1541	1535	1099	5295

Note:
Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

Buyer beware! 100% of the puppies imported for resale came from Critttersville or Nebraskaland Pets. Both are well-known for buying from puppy mills with USDA Animal Welfare Violations.



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Sources:

Crittersville Enterprises, LLC. Brian Warren Culbertson, Nebraska

Large-scale puppy broker and breeder with 12 adult breeding dogs and 32 puppies on the premises at the time of the last inspection.

Crittersville puppy broker sources:

Iowa

- Judy Maassen and John Maassen, Adorable Puppy AKA J Maassen Inc. Rock Valley, Iowa - 208 adult breeding dogs and 110 puppies. **This facility was also named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2015.**
- Linda Mulder and Mary Mulder, Limi Je M Kennel. Boyden, Iowa - 30 adult breeding dogs and 11 puppies.
- Loren Kooiman and Lora Kooiman, Riverview Kennels. Door, Iowa - 10 adult breeding dogs and 8 puppies.
- Stan Korver and Linda Korver. Orange City, Iowa - 23 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies.

Kansas

- Barbara Cooper. McDonald, Kansas - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Clair Carlisle and Susan Carlisle, S&C Farms AKA Carlisle Farms. Coldwater, Kansas - 33 dogs and 2 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2020.**
- Devin Spears, Triple S Puppies. Osborne, Kansas - 38 adult breeding dogs and 19 puppies.
- Doug Gurtler and Loretta Gurtler, D&L Kennels. Beattie, Kansas - 15 adult breeding dogs and 1 puppy.
- Jacky Roesener. McDonald, Kansas - 89 adult breeding dogs and 39 puppies.
- Jeanne Becker. Osborne, Kansas - 54 adult breeding dogs and 22 puppies.
- Jodi File and Bill File. Beloit, Kansas - recently cancelled USDA License in 2022.



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Sources—Cittersville (continued):

Oklahoma

- Carol Haley and Steve Haley, Haley Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma - 107 adult breeding dogs and 23 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Debra Tignor, Quail Court Kennels. Sayre, Oklahoma - 42 adult breeding dogs and 10 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Kimberlie Thetford. Sayre, Oklahoma - 41 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Zola Price, Steve Price and Taylor Miner. Laverne, Oklahoma - 120 adult breeding dogs and 72 puppies. *major supplier*

South Dakota

- Arin Riggs. Ethan, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Beverly Nydam-Varilek. Stickney, South Dakota - 48 adult breeding dogs and 34 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cal Veurink and Karen Veurink, Dakota Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota - 60 adult breeding dogs and 44 puppies. *major supplier*
- Carla Pederson, Pederson Farms. Freeman, South Dakota - 36 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies. *regular supplier*
- Cindy Hubers, Da Pa Kli Kennels. Harrison, South Dakota - 147 adult breeding dogs and 49 puppies. **This facility was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2014 and was also selling puppies to Cittersville while receiving violations and an official warning from the USDA.** *major supplier*
- Faye Degen and Kelley Degen, Prairie Wind Kennels. Parkston, South Dakota - 30 adult breeding dogs and 7 puppies.
- Jared Feldhaus and John Callies. Howard, South Dakota - 7 adult breeding dogs and 3 puppies.
- Jean Gortmaker, Gortmaker Acres. Saint Lawrence, South Dakota - this facility cancelled their USDA License in 2022 but had 62 adult breeding dogs and 15 puppies.
- Jim Klinkhammer. Howard, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Joette Peterson. Freeman, South Dakota - This facility cancelled their USDA license in 2021 but had been previously named one of the **worst puppy mills in the country in 2018, 2017 and 2016** due to violations.
- Karon Wilson. Viborg, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Kaycie Klimisch. Utica, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Keith Jensen. Freeman, South Dakota - 24 adult breeding dogs and 16 puppies.
- Shelly Benson. Parker, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Sue Boersma and Paul Boersma. Monroe, South Dakota - **is not USDA licensed.**
- Theresa Mueller and Jessica Mueller. Mount Vernon, South Dakota - 50 adult breeding dogs and 6 puppies.
- Tina Brennan, Brennan Kennels. Pukwana, South Dakota - 20 adult breeding dogs and 18 puppies. *regular supplier*



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Sources (continued):

Nebraskaland Pets—Angie and Casey Schaff, AKA Big Red Country Kennels. Atkinson, Nebraska

- They operate both a kennel as well as broker puppies by buying from other breeders and reselling them to pet

Nebraskaland Pets puppy broker sources:

Iowa

- Judy Vande Weerd Rock Rapids, IA. Has not been inspected since 2021.
- Mark Mulder and Kayla Mulder George, IA. Had violations in 2022 for using expired medications.

Minnesota

- AJ's Angels Cushing, MN **They were named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Major Supplier.
- Mike Jouvstra MN Had violations in 2023. Changes his USDA number often. Was cited by the USDA for an enclosure with a wire floor that allowed puppies feet and legs to pass through. Regular supplier.

South Dakota

- Bonnie Versteeg Platte, SD
- Carla Pederson Freeman, SD
- Cindy Hubers Harrison, SD Major supplier. **Named to the HSUS Horrible Hundred list.** Received a USDA warning.



Pet Store Report—Valley Pets

Pet Store Name: Valley Pets
Owned By: David Neverette
Store Address: 6380 Hwy 35 Fountain, CO 80817
Store Phone: (719) 390-4583
Owner Contact: David Neverette
Owner Address: 9550 Penn Cross Place Colorado Springs, CO 80925
Pet Store Website: <https://www.valleypets.us/>

Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Valley Pets	120	95	109	60	384
Breeder, History of Violations					
Julia Johnson	2	4	1	1	8
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker					
Becky Busboom	118	91	108	59	376
Total	120	95	109	60	384

Note:
 Breeders and Brokers with USDA animal welfare violations are shown in green.

Buyer beware! From 2019-2022 Valley Pets purchased 100% of their out-of-state puppies for resale from breeders with USDA Animal Welfare Violations!

Yelp Reviews 2.5 of 5 stars 42 Reviews
<https://www.yelp.com/biz/valley-pets-fountain>



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Valley Pets has chosen to buy out-of-state puppies almost exclusively from Becky Busboom, a well-known puppy mill puppy broker. Just a handful of purchases went to Julia Johnson from 2019-2022.

Below is from BailingOutBenji.com

“When it comes to the puppy mill industry, there is no shortage of “key players” in the game. You have breeders, brokers, transport companies, pet stores and online websites. In this day and age, there is no true way to know where your puppy is coming from unless you visit the facility yourself, or adopt a pet from a local rescue or shelter.

Unfortunately, the dog breeding business is clouded in secrecy and, unless you know how to ask the right questions, you will constantly be searching for answers. One of the main focuses that Bailing Out Benji has is obtaining government documents that track puppies from breeder to broker to pet store, so the public has a fighting chance to do their research before they buy a puppy. In this case, we have requested those government documents, Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs), on notorious dog broker, Becky Busboom. Becky runs a brokering company out of Dannebrog, Nebraska and sells to pet stores all over the country including (but not limited to); [Colorado](#), [Iowa](#), [Massachusetts](#), [Nebraska](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [New York](#), [Florida](#), and [Virginia](#). The tricky part with the secretive puppy mill industry is that the CVIs are only needed when a puppy is crossing state lines. So Busboom’s name is on those documents when a pet store gets the puppy- not the actual breeder. This is where we come in! Below you will find a list of all of the known puppy mills that Becky Busboom buys from before she brokers the puppies to pet stores from coast to coast.

I do want to note that Busboom is no reputable person herself. In fact, she was given a violation by the USDA for giving pig medications to puppies in her care, even though that clearly goes against the limited regulations of the [Animal Welfare Act](#).”

For a list of the actual puppy mills Becky Busboom buys from, follow this link:

<https://bailingoutbenji.com/broker-becky-busboom/>