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Breeders to Stores

Puppies Imported into Colorado for Resale

2017-2020

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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 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 database which lists all commercial breeders including their inspection reports and violations has far too numerous holes in it. 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 does not appear to have sufficient inspectors. In addition, in 2020, due to the COVID global pandemic, many of the USDA inspection programs were put on hold. Some so-called inspections were, in fact, merely phone conversations.

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*Out-of-state breeders only. No in-state breeders are included since in-state breeder data is unavailable to the public.

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Where do out-of-state puppies come from?

(And what about the puppies from in-state commercial breeders?)

Colorado pet stores continue to import puppies from out-of-state commercial breeders, most of whom have violations from the USDA. This demonstrates that while the pet stores claim that they buy from only responsible breeders, just the opposite is true.

A new Colorado bill, HB 21-1102 – Consumer Protection for Dog and Cat Purchasers - will make it evident to prospective puppy buyers where the puppies are coming from, including in-state commercial breeders. HB21-1102 goes into effect 90 days after the close of the Colorado legislative session in mid-2021.

This important consumer protection bill requires pet stores to provide (posted on every enclosure offering a cat or dog for sale and at the time of sale) the following to consumers

- Breeder name, city/state
- “. . . an UNREDACTED list of all violations of any Federal or State law the dog or cat breeder, broker, or transporter received in the previous two years on a federal or state inspection report”.

Prior to HB21-1102 going into effect, it was not evident to prospective buyers where the puppies/kittens came from. It was not posted on the cage. If asked, the store owner frequently refused to share that information. If the puppy came from a broker, the breeder was not known or indicated. HB21-1102 has changed all of that. Store owners must comply with the new law or face fines in amounts to be determined or lose their state license.

For smart puppy lookers, they will be able to find the puppy source on the cage and do research before innocently and accidentally buying a puppy that is bred for profit only and not for health. Of course, when 93.7% of puppies imported for resale from out-of-state sources come from abusive puppy mills (see green figures in table below), it is highly unlikely that a potential consumer doing due diligence will find that a puppy under consideration came from a responsible breeder.

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Statistics effective 12-31-2020.



In the meantime, we can see what TYPE of out-of-state sellers the stores purchased from. We can also see what individual seller each pet store purchased from in the Pet Store Reports created for select stores.

- A shocking 93.7% (top four types of sellers) of puppies purchased from out-of-state sellers came from sources known to have USDA violations with serious neglect.
- The largest single seller type is Puppy Mill Puppy Brokers providing 61.2%.
- Overall, with 93.7% of puppies (brought across the state line for resale) coming from Puppy Mill Brokers, Large-Scale Breeders with a History of Violations, Breeders with a History of Violations or being recognized in the HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill documentation, it is clear that stores are NOT getting all of their puppies from RESPONSIBLE breeders as they claim. In fact, it is not evident that they are getting ANY puppies at all from responsible breeders.

Colorado Pet Store Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale by Seller Type						
Sum of Total # by Seller Type						
Seller Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	4498	4531	4635	5140	18804	61.2%
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	1656	1624	1102	494	4876	15.9%
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	1005	1163	910	253	3331	10.8%
Breeder, History of Violations	109	180	124	47	460	5.8%
Other Breeder	460	484	435	413	1792	4.2%
Large-Scale Breeder	258	300	440	279	1277	1.5%
Unlicensed Breeder	20	147	40		207	0.7%
Total	8006	8429	7686	6626	30747	100.0%

Green = breeders with animal welfare violations.

Note: Large-Scale Breeder – 100 or more sales/transfers of dogs/puppies per year. Other or Unlicensed Breeders – unknown how many per year are sold/transferred

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30,747 puppies being purchased for resale from out-of-state sellers is a LOT of puppies. Now, do you want to know WHICH STORES are responsible for buying from these abusive sellers. Seven stores account for 93% of purchases for resale from out-of-state sellers.

Colorado Pet Store Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale						
# of Puppies						
Pet Store	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Perfect Pets	976	1155	1381	1789	5301	21.9%
Pet Ranch	1285	1191	1120	1541	5137	21.3%
Just Pets	1065	1157	900	753	3875	16.0%
Pet City - Fort Collins	653	614	559	746	2572	10.6%
Pet City - Baja	789	690	632	401	2512	10.4%
Pet Paradise	270	440	433	430	1573	6.5%
Pet City - Chapel Hills	376	431	400	297	1504	6.2%
Aquatic Dog	151	190	178	330	849	3.5%
Classy Pets	133	117	112	40	402	1.7%
Valley Pets	46	80	120	95	341	1.4%
Gone Wild Pet and Supply	104				104	0.4%
Pet City - Aurora (aka Spiffy Pets)	1422	1375	1258	94	4149	100.0%
Puppies N Stuff	611	840	501		1952	
Town & Country Pet Center	157	102	76	6	341	
Sophia's Pet Paradise	72	47	16		135	
Total	8006	8429	7686	6626	30747	
Note: Yellow highlighted stores are out of business in 2021						

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- **7 of the 11 pet stores are responsible for 9,521 or 93% of out-of-state puppy purchases.**
- **Perfect Pets and Pet Ranch are the largest two buyers of out-of-state puppies.**
- **Just Pets, in third place, has claimed they buy from only small, commercial, responsible breeders. That is simply not true; see the Pet Store Report for Just Pets to see the hundreds they purchase from puppy mill puppy brokers.**

The table on the preceding page makes it clear that the top seven pet stores listed are responsible for importing thousands of puppies from puppy mills or abusive sources (93.7%).

Anyone with compassion will not buy through a pet store thereby enabling the continuation of abusive puppy mills.

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Pet Store Name:	Perfect Pets
Owner:	X and B Pets, Inc. ¹
Store Address:	6840 S University Blvd #410, Centennial, CO 80122
Store Phone:	(303) 972-0191
Owner Contact:	Jens Larsen ²
Contact Address:	6241 S Billings Way Centennial, CO ²
Pet Store Website:	http://perfectpetsdenver.com/

Where Perfect Pets' puppies come from:

A key source for tracking the origins of an animal sold by a pet store such as Perfect Pets 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 examine the animal for signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease and, if no disease is found, sign the certificate for approval to transport.³

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. The table below details Perfect Pets' *out-of-state* puppy purchases. Records of *in-state* purchases are not available to the public.

Perfect Pets					
Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale ³					
# of Puppies					
Pet Store	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Perfect Pets	976	1155	1381	1789	5301
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	759	860	1110	1598	4327
Crittersville			18		18
Nebraskaland Pets	759	860	1092	1598	4309
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	213	279	269	133	894
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	213	279	269	133	894
Other Breeder		4	2	58	64
Large-Scale Breeder	4	12			16
Total	976	1155	1381	1789	5301



Perfect Pets gets 98.5% of its out-of-state puppies from puppy mill puppy brokers and large-scale breeders with a history of violations.

- **Crittersville (Brian Warren)**
 - Crittersville is a large-scale puppy mill puppy broker out of Nebraska.
 - Crittersville sources puppies from puppy mills that have been named **the worst in the nation at least 15 times**. This large-scale broker also sources puppies from breeders with multiple known violations of the USDA's Animal Welfare Act.⁴
 - Crittersville has also previously sold puppies with parvovirus to pet stores.
 - From 2017-2020, Crittersville sold over 6,600 puppies to Colorado pet stores making Crittersville a large component in keeping the puppy mill industry going in Colorado.
- **Nebraskaland Pets (Angie/Casey Schaaf; Big Red Country Kennels)**
 - Nebraskaland Pets is a pet broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores. The use of puppy mill brokers makes it difficult if not impossible for the public to know who a puppy's breeder actually was.
 - Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and reselling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota since, at least, 2011.⁴
 - Nebraskaland Pets also operates a breeding facility with approximately 200 adult dogs.⁴
- **Mosshart (Rebecca Mosshart; Sam Mosshart; SBM Kennels)**
 - The Mossharts – SBM Kennel - run a large-scale pet broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores.
 - They also operate a facility with over 200 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies.⁴
 - Mosshart has a long list of violations including dogs standing on hard-wire flooring, standing water in outdoor kennels (spilled), excessive flies, kennels so rusted there are holes, beetles crawling through food dishes, food bowls have excessive grime/oil buildup, dogs couldn't access food and water without walking through excessive feces.⁴
 - Mosshart is an opponent of a recent Kansas law regulating rescues and breeders. She doesn't want surprise inspections.⁴

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¹ PACFA Active Facilities List July 2021

² [Voterrecords.com](https://voterrecords.com) July 2021

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⁴ Bailing Out Benji (bailingoutbenji.com) July 2021



Pet Store Name:	Pet Ranch
Owned By:	5th Avenue Pets, Inc. ¹
Store Address:	3823 E 120 th Ave, Thornton, CO 80233
Store Phone:	(303) 452-2050
Owner Contact:	Troy Gockley ¹
Owner Address:	13818 Krameria St, Thornton, CO 80602 ²
Pet Store Website:	http://petranchthornton.com/about_us

Pet Store Website (Excerpt):



We Do Not Support, Endorse, or Purchase Any Of Our Puppies From Puppy Mills. All of our puppies are purchased from High-End Breeders that are USDA Licensed, and they come from a breeder we have researched and approved. Our requirements are stringent, and we only purchase from the best. The parents of the puppies we sell are healthy, loved, properly cared for, have had top-of-the-line vet care. They are not just caged animals. We so strongly believe in the quality of the puppies we buy that not only do we health guarantee them for 5 months on all standard vaccinated related illnesses, but all of the breeders we use will genetically guarantee them for one year. No puppy mill will do that. We guarantee this is how we do business (see store for complete details).

We are not selling puppies for a large profit; since we buy from high-end breeders, they cost more. This may not be how every store does it, however this is how we do it. This is the foundation of the business in our store. We do it this way because we love animals and want to provide a top-quality puppy at a reasonable price, and ensure the new owners will not have thousands of dollars in vet bills on their puppy. We stand behind this belief by backing it with our guarantees. Upon any purchase of a puppy in our store you will not only receive information on the breeder, but a record that shows everything that has been done to the puppy since the day it was born, the names of the puppy's parents, and more! We do this because our customers deserve to look at a reasonable selection of breeds and can choose the breed that best suits their family, without the cost and heartache of buying an unhealthy puppy. Why do we do all of this? The number one reason is: BECAUSE WE LOVE THEM TOO!!!

Where Pet Ranch's puppies *really* come from:³

Pet Ranch					
Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# of Puppies					
Pet Store	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Pet Ranch	1285	1191	1120	1541	5137
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	1285	1191	1120	1541	5137
Crittersville	631	588	479	797	2495
Nebraskaland Pets	654	603	641	744	2642
Total	1285	1191	1120	1541	5137

100% of Pet Ranch's puppies bought from out-of-state sellers come from Puppy Mill Puppy Brokers.



The use of brokers makes it difficult if not impossible for Pet Ranch to honestly claim that their puppies “come from a breeder [they] have researched and approved”.

- **Nebraskaland Pets (Angie/Casey Schaaf; Big Red Country Kennels)**
 - Nebraskaland Pets is a puppy mill puppy broker and large-scale breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores.
 - Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and reselling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota since, at least, 2011.⁴
 - Nebraskaland Pets also operates a breeding facility with over 200 dogs and associated puppies.⁴
 - From 2017 through 2020, Nebraskaland Pets has sold 9,521 puppy mill puppies to Colorado pet stores, making it the largest single out-of-state seller of puppy mill puppies to Colorado’s pet stores. **Pet Ranch bought 28% of these puppy mill puppies.**
- **Crittersville (Brian Warren)**
 - Crittersville is also a large-scale puppy mill puppy broker out of Nebraska.
 - Crittersville sources puppies from puppy mills that have been named the **worst in the nation at least 15 times**. This large-scale broker also sources puppies from breeders with multiple known violations of the USDA’s Animal Welfare Act.⁴
 - Crittersville has also previously sold puppies with parvovirus to pet stores.⁴
 - From 2017-2020, Crittersville sold over 6,600 puppies to Colorado pet stores, **nearly 40% of which were bought by Pet Ranch.**

During 2020, due to the global pandemic, many of the USDA inspection programs were put on hold. Some so-called inspections were, in fact, merely phone conversations. HSUS indicates that “For at least three years in a row, the USDA has failed to revoke a single dog breeder license or significantly fine or penalize any problem dog breeders under the Animal Welfare Act.”

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² Colorado Secretary of State website (state.co.us) July 2021

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⁴ Bailing out Benji website (bailingoutbenji.com) July 2021



Pet Store Name:	Just Pets (Two Locations)
Owner:	Ryker Vista Enterprise, LLC ¹
Store Addresses:	8874 Maximus Dr, Lone Tree, CO 80214 2154 E Commons Ave #327, Centennial, CO 80122
Store Phone:	(303) 662-8900 (Lone Tree) (303) 220-1500 (Centennial)
Owner Contact:	Michael J. Morgan Jr. ¹
Contact Address:	9797 Gatesbury Cir, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126 ²
Pet Store Website:	http://www.justpetsco.com/aboutjppuppies/

Pet Store Website (Excerpt):



FIND A PET ▾ COMING SOON DEALS SUPPLIES & SERVICES LOCATIONS & HOURS GOING HOME PICTURES ABOUT US 🔍

“Just Pets creates a wonderful environment, allowing you to find the perfect companion in the right way. There are many avenues you can take when selecting your precious pet. Just Pets supports choice. We support licensed, legal, professional, caring, responsible, no-cruelty of any kind and passion in the pet industry. We are honored you are considering us as one of your “avenues.”

For many years, we have been working with our breeders. Our breeders breed for temperament and companionship. Our breeders are everything we stand for and support. They exceed all guidelines pertaining to the health, care, and well-being of their animals.”



Where Just Pets' puppies *really* come from³

The bottom line...**95%** of the puppies **Just Pets** purchased from outside Colorado from 2017 through 2020 are **from puppy mill puppy brokers or puppy mills named as among the nation's worst by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).**⁴

Just Pets					
Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# of Puppies					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Just Pets	1065	1157	900	753	3875
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	454	660	303	329	1746
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	471	332	450	421	1674
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	92	106	66	3	267
Other Breeder	14				14
Large-Scale Breeder	34	59	81		174
Total	1065	1157	900	753	3875

Below are details about some of the breeders Just Pets sources their puppies from.

- **Nebraskaland Pets (Angie/Casey Schaaf; Big Red Country Kennels)**
 - Nebraskaland Pets is a puppy mill puppy broker and large-scale breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores. The use of puppy mill brokers makes it impossible for Just Pets to substantiate that they buy top-quality puppies from high-end breeders since it is impossible to know where the broker got the puppies from. It would also make it difficult, if not impossible, for Just Pets to claim "Our breeders are everything we stand for and support. They exceed all guidelines pertaining to the health, care, and well-being of their animals."
 - Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and reselling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota since, at least, 2011.⁵
 - Nebraskaland Pets also operates a breeding facility with over 200 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies.⁵
 - From 2017-2020, **Nebraskaland Pets sold 9,521 puppy mill puppies to Colorado pet stores, making it the largest single out-of-state seller of puppy mill puppies to Colorado's pet stores, including Just Pets. Nebraskaland Pets accounts for 43% of Just Pets' out-of-state purchases for resale.**



- **BJ's & Guys (Sharon Monk)**

- BJ's & Guys was named one of 2017's Horrible Hundred puppy mills by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). BJ's & Guys is thought to be the largest breeder/broker in Kansas, with 759 adult dogs and 453 puppies⁵ for a total of **1,212 animals**. This is a facility found with dangerous housing, poor temperature control and three dogs in need of veterinary care.⁶
- Multiple violations were found by USDA inspectors at BJ's & Guys in 2016, including a Shih-Tzu with a swollen, red eye that had a copious, thick discharge; a Pomeranian with scabs and hair loss; and a pug with an eye disorder. In addition, puppies were found with their feet dangling through 1-inch gaps in the wire flooring, a condition that could lead to serious injury or leg entrapment; some of the adult dogs were found sticking their heads through unsafe gaps in their cages and some of the housing had flaking paint and rust that in some areas was so advanced that it was affecting structural safety (a repeat violation), according to USDA reports.⁶
- In addition, an inspection found two of the buildings with excessively hot conditions in July 2016, with one building reaching a high of 91.9 degrees and another reaching a high of 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The USDA inspector noted that these conditions could lead to heat stress in the dogs.⁶
- In June 2016, BJ's & Guys received an official warning from the USDA for a lack of adequate veterinary care, related to a direct violation that occurred in January 2016.⁶
- All the violations noted above were found in July 2016, with the exception of the pug with the eye condition, which was noted during a focused (follow-up) inspection in January 2016. Inspectors also found violations in 2014 and 2015.⁶

- **English Sage, LLC (Sharon Curless; Ruff Pine Kennel)**

- Ruff Pine Kennel was named one of 2013's Horrible Hundred puppy mills by The Humane Society of the United States. According to the HSUS report:⁷
 - USDA inspections found several dogs to have died without adequate veterinary treatment.
 - In 2008, Curless was cited for failure to provide adequate veterinary care to two Pomeranians who were in a fight with another dog; both died the next day without ever seeing a vet.
 - In 2007, a pug died after the owner noticed abnormal tissue protruding from her vaginal area; the pug had not been seen by a vet.
 - This kennel was cited multiple times in 2012 and earlier for dogs in need of veterinary care, dogs with inadequate shelter from the wind, rain and cold, and housing in disrepair.
 - Ruff Pine Kennel received an official warning from the USDA in December 2012 for violations of the Animal Welfare Act regulations. As of 2012, Ruff Pine Kennel housed approximately **180 dogs and puppies**.



- **Lorilee Thomas**

- Lorilee Thomas is a breeder that operates a facility with 600-700 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies. She sells to pet stores all over the country and has a history of violations.⁵
- According to USDA inspection notes, violations include:⁸
 - Broken wire mesh with sharp points
 - Metal screws with sharp points in whelping box
 - Evidence of rodent activity
 - Hair and other excreta trapped in jagged sections of metal crates, bottom of plastic feeder, metal food receptacles, water lines and plastic structures
 - Toxic products stored on shelf directly above food storage area
 - Yorkshire terrier was found with excessively matted hair, balled and adhering to the skin.
 - Shih Tzu was found with a cloudy, opaque appearance on its left eye.
 - Several Chihuahuas were found to have excessively long toenails, hair loss, thinning hair and reddened skin.

- **Devaron Zimmerman (Devon Zimmerman; Zimmor Kennel)**

- Devaron Zimmerman operates a facility with between 70 and 80 adult breeding dogs.⁵

- **Cindy Sherlock**

- A 2013 USDA inspection found dogs housed in storage rooms cluttered with food, supplies, paint and equipment which does not allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing. The inspection also found rubber water receptacles with rough edges and material unraveling, which also does not allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing. The same 2013 inspection found dogs with no proper identification to be able to trace movement and facilitate the inspection process.

- ⁹**Becky Mosshart (Rebecca Mosshart; Sam Mosshart; SBM Kennels)**

- Becky Mosshart is a puppy mill puppy broker and large-scale breeder with a history of violations of the Animal Welfare Act.
- As a breeder, Becky Mosshart operates a facility with over 200 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies.⁵
- Mosshart has a long list of violations including dogs standing on hard wire flooring, standing water in outdoor kennels (spilled), excessive flies, kennels so rusted there are holes, beetles crawling through food dishes, food bowls have excessive grime/oil buildup, dogs couldn't access food and water without walking through excessive feces.⁵
- Mosshart is an opponent of a new Kansas law regulating rescues and breeders. She doesn't want surprise inspections.⁵



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² Colorado Secretary of State website (state.co.us) July 2021

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⁴ Sources: The Humane Society of the United States' Horrible Hundred Puppy Mills reports 2013 - 2020, and Bailing Out Benji website (bailingoutbenji.com) as of July 2021. Where a breeder is not included in the HSUS reports or on the Bailing Out Benji website, 3CW has assigned the category “Other Breeder”.

⁵ Bailing Out Benji website (bailingoutbenji.com) July 2021

⁶ The Humane Society of the United States; The Horrible Hundred 2017: A sampling of problem puppy mills and puppy dealers in the United States, May 2017

⁷ The Humane Society of the United States; A Horrible Hundred: Problem Puppy Mills in the United States, May 2013

⁸ ASPCA website <https://nopetstorepuppies.com/dog-breeder/thomas-lorilee-chris-and-featherston-opal> September 2019

⁹ ASPCA website <http://nopetstorepuppies.com/dog-breeder/sherlock-cindy> September 2019



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Pet Store Name:	Pet City Fort Collins
Owner:	A Best Friend, LLC ¹
Store Address:	3663 S. College Avenue #10, Fort Collins, CO 80525
Store Phone:	(970) 223-5318
Owner Contact:	Rebecca (Becky) Mosshart ¹
Contact Address:	2332 CR 31, Protection, KS 67127 ²
Contact Phone:	(620) 622-4431 ²
Pet Store Website:	https://www.petcityfortcollins.com/

Pet Store Website (Excerpt):



[HOME](#) [ABOUT](#) [AVAILABLE PETS](#) [FOREVER HOMES](#) [PRODUCTS](#) [CONTACT US](#)

Everything we do centers on providing the best family pets possible.

We use over 100 USDA regulated, out-of-state breeders. This large number of breeders allows our store access to many different breeds of dogs. We use out-of-state breeders because the puppies must be checked by a vet to enter Colorado, providing additional confidence in the health and care of our dogs.

We keep our puppies up-to-date on vaccinations and de-worming. We also guarantee our dogs against congenital or hereditary defects and diseases, which speaks to the quality of breeders we use. By selling healthy puppies we are attempting to reduce the initial and long-term health-related costs of ownership. We believe that this is a step toward ensuring that a pet owner can afford to care for their dog for its entire life. Additionally, we encourage pet owners to spay and neuter their dogs.

We also offer the benefit of a well socialized animal. Puppies are handled and loved by staff and customers and have a kennel mate. This means that our puppies become well socialized with people as well as other dogs. This makes for an easier time transitioning into a home as well as increased trainability. Socialized puppies are more likely to fit into the home environment and stay there. We also encourage customers to come to us with questions, so that we can make the transition to home as easy as possible.



Where Pet City Fort Collins' puppies *really* come from:³

The bottom line... **100%** of puppies **Pet City Fort Collins** purchased from 2017 through 2020 are **from puppy mill puppy brokers, large-scale breeders with histories of violations of the Animal Welfare Act and puppy mills named as among the nation's worst by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).**⁴

The puppy mill puppy brokers, large-scale breeders and Horrible Hundred puppy mills are shown in the table below and and three are described individually thereafter.

Pet City - Fort Collins					
Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
# of Puppies					
Pet Store	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Pet City - Fort Collins	653	614	559	746	2572
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	350	363	387	543	1643
Crittersville	350	363	387	543	1643
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	168	153	172	149	642
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	168	153	172	149	642
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	135	98		54	287
English Sage, LLC	135	98			233
Willow				54	54
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- Crittersville has also previously sold puppies with parvovirus to pet stores.⁵
- **Since 2016, Crittersville has sold nearly 4,000 dogs to Colorado pet stores, nearly one-quarter of which were bought by Pet City Fort Collins.**

- **Becky Mosshart (Rebecca Mosshart, Sam Mosshart, SBM Kennels)**

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- Mosshart is an opponent of a new Kansas law regulating rescues and breeders. She doesn't want surprise inspections.⁵

- **English Sage, LLC (Sharon Curless; Ruff Pine Kennel)**

- Ruff Pine Kennel was named one of 2013's Horrible Hundred puppy mills by The Humane Society of the United States. According to the HSUS report⁴
 - USDA inspections found several dogs to have died without adequate veterinary treatment.
 - In 2008, Curless was cited for failure to provide adequate veterinary care to two Pomeranians who were in a fight with another dog; both died the next day without ever seeing a vet.
 - In 2007, a pug died after the owner noticed abnormal tissue protruding from her vaginal area; the pug had not been seen by a vet.
 - This kennel was cited multiple times in 2012 and earlier for dogs in need of veterinary care, dogs with inadequate shelter from the wind, rain and cold, and housing in disrepair.
 - Ruff Pine Kennel received an official warning from the USDA in December 2012 for violations of the Animal Welfare Act regulations. As of 2012, Ruff Pine Kennel housed approximately **180 dogs and puppies.**

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- ¹ PACFA Active Facilities List July 2021
 - ² Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) filed by Ms. Mosshart with the State of Colorado
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Pet Store Name:	Pet City Citadel
Owner:	Baja, Inc. ¹
Store Address:	Citadel Mall 750 Citadel Dr. E, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Store Phone:	(719) 596-2722
Owner Contact:	Bree Maestas, President/Owner ¹
Contact Address:	4130 Dunbarton Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 ²
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- Pet city visits inspects [sic] breeders to ensure they meet our standards. We work with local, state and federal regulatory agencies and legislators concerning animal welfare issues and education.
- Our processes are on-going and transparent. We investigate claims about breeder facilities that don't meet our requirements. This is our business and we take it seriously.

Where Pet City Citadel puppies *really* come from:⁴

The bottom line... **50%** of puppies **Pet City Citadel – Baja** purchased from outside Colorado from 2017-2020 are **from breeders with histories of violations of the Animal Welfare Act, puppy mill puppy brokers and puppy mills named as among the nation’s worst by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).**⁵

Pet City – Citadel – Baja purchases from so many different breeders, it makes their claim that they personally inspect their breeders lack credibility. To demonstrate the number of different breeders they purchase from, we have included the entire list below, even though it makes the table too long for a single page.

Pet City - Citadel - Baja					
Colorado Pet Store Purchases of Out-of-State Puppies for Resale					
	# of Puppies				
Pet Store	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Pet City - Baja	789	690	632	401	2512
Other Breeder	189	215	214	222	840
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	244	271	192	50	757
Cloveridge Kennel LLC	9	5	1		15
Crystal Howard	82	24	13	31	150
Lewis Bloom	9	48	2	7	66
Lorilee Thomas	121	172	168	12	473
Mosshart - SBM Kennel	8				8
Perry Bontrager	11	12	4		27
Shadow Valley Kennel	4	10	4		18
Large-Scale Breeder	77	75	153	104	409
Andrew Yutzy		2			2
Betty Feters		1	21	2	24
Daniel Yoder	5	12	10	12	39
Daniel Yoder (MO)			2		2
Devon Schlabach			5		5
Joseph Detweiler	26	15	7		48
Levi H. Graber		6	75	63	144
Oak Ridge Kennels	9	5	5	7	26
Pleasant View Kennel	9	15	15	9	48
Reuben Yutzy	7	9	9		25
Skyline View	21	10	4	11	46
Breeder, History of Violations	70	70	55	22	217
Cedar Grove Kennels		1			1



David and Anna Nisley	3	3	1		7
David Troyer	24	29	12	14	79
Eli & Laura Schrock	3	3			6
Eli D. Schrock				1	1
James E. Yoder		7	9	3	19
Kuntry Pups Kennel	3	4	2		9
Melvin Miller		4	8		12
Midwest Newfoundland	22	6			28
Pondview Kennel	5	4	4		13
Samuel R. Mast	2	4	6		12
Shady Lawn Kennel	7	2	6	2	17
Taylor Ridge Kennel	1	3	7	2	13
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	152	24			176
Nebraskaland Pets	152	24			176
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	57	35	16	3	111
Aaron Hostetler	2				2
Amos Schwartz	3				3
Atlee Yoder		4	3		7
David Miller		2			2
John Bontrager Jr.	5	2	7		14
Joyce Cairns	29	22			51
Pam Wilson	1		2		3
Shelli Kershner	16				16
Sunset Kennels				3	3
Triple Y Kennel	1	5	3		9
Wayne Troyer			1		1
Unlicensed Breeder			2		2
Total	789	690	632	401	2512

Breeders with USDA Violations

Pet City – Citadel – Baja chooses to buy from breeders with Animal Welfare Act violations in spite of their assertions that they buy from only good, responsible breeders.

There are 32 problem sources – e.g. breeders/brokers with USDA violations – that Pet City – Citadel - Baja buys from. A few of the problem breeders/brokers are included below:



- **Lorilee Thomas**

- Operates a facility with **642 adult breeding dogs, and 228 puppies**. She sells to pet stores all over the country and has a history of violations.⁶
- According to USDA inspection notes, violations include:⁷
 - Broken wire mesh with sharp points
 - Metal screws with sharp points in whelping box
 - Evidence of rodent activity
 - Hair and other excreta trapped in jagged sections of metal crates, bottom of plastic feeder, metal food receptacles, water lines and plastic structures
 - Toxic products stored on shelf directly above food storage area
 - Yorkshire terrier was found with excessively matted hair, balled and adhering to the skin.
 - Shih Tzu was found with a cloudy, opaque appearance on its left eye.
 - Several Chihuahuas were found to have excessively long toe nails, hair loss, thinning hair and reddened skin.

- **Nebraskaland Pets (Angie/Casey Schaaf; Big Red Country Kennels)**

- Nebraskaland Pets is a puppy mill puppy broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores. The use of puppy mill brokers makes it difficult if not impossible for a pet store or the public to know who a puppy's breeder actually was. This would also make it difficult if not impossible for Pet City Citadel to "...inspect breeders to ensure they meet [their] standards."
- Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and reselling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota since, at least, 2011.⁶
- Nebraskaland Pets also operates a breeding facility with **202 adult dogs**.⁶
- From 2017-2020, Nebraskaland Pets sold 9,521 puppies to Colorado pet stores, making it the largest single out-of-state seller of puppy mill puppies to Colorado's pet stores.

- **Joyce Cairns (Unicorn Kennels)**

- Joyce Cairns—**USDA inspection 4/14/2021 revealed the following:** "2.40(b)(3) Direct Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). **Male, adult Pekinese with chip OAO2226111 ("Booker") has an uneven appearance to the surface of his eyes (corneas) with an area of white obscuring part of the left cornea and dark pigment on the right cornea. Both eyes have a red color to the "white of the eye" (sclera). Both eyes have mild amounts of green colored discharge dried in the hair around the eyes. **Male, adult Shih Tzu with chip 107 292 875 ("Buddy") has an uneven appearance to the surface of his right eye (cornea). There is dark pigment as well as a general cloudiness on the cornea. There is copious amounts of dark colored discharge in the eye and dried in the hairs around the eye. **The licensee is cleaning these dogs' eyes and applying artificial tears ointment but has not consulted with the attending veterinarian regarding the condition of the eyes. **Adult, male Akita with chip number OAO2262114 ("Dusty") has a stiff, uneven gait. The licensee moved this dog to an indoor enclosure from his usual outdoor enclosure due to intolerance to the cold weather. The licensee stated that the dog appeared to be painful and vocalized when the weather was cold. During the inspection, the dog appeared reluctant to walk and the gait appeared to be abnormal while in the indoor enclosure. The attending veterinarian verified that he is aware of this dog's body condition and coat/skin condition. However, the licensee observed that this dog was showing signs of pain or possible orthopedic problems but has not communicated that to the attending veterinarian. Failure to observe medical problems and/or communicate those



problems to a veterinarian can result in prolonged pain or even death. The facility representative must observe all animals daily and then ensure a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with a veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of health, behavior, and well-being are conveyed and so that the medical conditions of the animals can be evaluated by the veterinarian. To be corrected by close of business on 16 April 2021.”

- Joyce Cairns was named one of 2018’s Horrible Hundred puppy mills by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). In its May 2018 report⁴, the HSUS noted:
 - **Repeated violations for dogs in need of veterinary care; emaciated corgi found listless, with spine visibly protruding; Pekingese in need of surgery was not treated effectively more than six months later. Conditions at Unicorn Kennel appear to belie its fanciful name.**
 - Severe animal welfare issues were found at the kennel within the last year, both by USDA and state inspectors, with the USDA finding at least nine animals in need of veterinary care during three visits in 2017 alone.
 - **On December 13, 2017, a USDA inspector gave Cairns a “Direct, Repeat” violation - one of the most serious types of USDA citations - for multiple dogs in need of veterinary care, just three months after four other dogs had been found in need at her kennel.** The dogs noted on the December report included two dachshunds with signs of advanced dental disease, including one who had so much dental calculus on some of her teeth that it “causes a visible bulge to the face when the dog’s mouth is closed.” Both dogs had loose teeth and a pus-like [sic] discharge on the gumline. In addition, the inspector found a Pekingese with signs of an ocular disorder; the white part of her eye was red, there was greenish discharge, and the cornea was dull and uneven. The inspector also found unprotected heat lamps that were dangerously close to whelping dogs.
 - Three months earlier (September 6, 2017), a USDA inspector found four other dogs in need of veterinary care, including an emaciated corgi and a Pekingese named Blondie, whom the owner had been directed to get care for in February, and who had still not been adequately treated more than six months later.
 - The September inspection also noted an update on two other dogs who had been found in need of veterinary care during a February inspection, stating they had been evaluated by a veterinarian but did not specify whether the dogs had recovered. The third dog identified in the February inspection was Blondie, the Pekingese with severely thickened ear tissue, who was found in September to be still suffering from the same condition.
 - The kennel is also inspected by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The kennel failed a February 2018 state inspection due to numerous problems, including excessive feces, a strong odor and three dogs who needed care: a poodle with missing fur, a cockapoo who was matted and an Australian shepherd who was “thin” and “under vet supervision.”
 - Unicorn Kennel also failed a state inspection on January 18, 2017, when dogs were found standing in wet, dirty enclosures with excessive feces, and two additional dogs were found in need of veterinary care.
 - The state inspection in February 2018 showed that Cairns had approximately **200 dogs and puppies** at her puppy mill.



- **Lewis Bloom (Bloom's Kennels)**

HSUS documents this operator in their HSUS Horrible Hundred 2020 Report.

“HSUS photographed dogs in hutch- style wire enclosures at operation that sold to Petland and other stores; USDA issued only “teachable moments.” During an undercover investigation in July 2020, an HSUS investigator photographed dogs in barren conditions at Bloom's Kennels. While not specifically illegal, the property appeared to be a puppy mill, with dogs confined to small, raised enclosures with wire walls and seemingly bare wood supports. The outdoor wire enclosures appeared to be attached to a barn-like structure typical of puppy mills. The USDA has not cited Bloom for any recent violations. It inspected most recently in February 2020. At that time, the USDA issued one “teachable moment”¹² for bird droppings in the feed storage area, which could potentially spread disease, and noted that there were 96 dogs and puppies on site. The USDA also may have given Bloom a “teachable moment” in April 2018, according to its website, but does not have a record of the specific issue in its “teachable moments” online database.

In prior years, the USDA issued an “attempted inspection” violation in May 2017 for failing to make the property available for inspection, and two violations in March 2017 for “unsanitary living condition” that could “increase the risk of disease” and for excessive feces that covered approximately 20% of an enclosure. During that inspection, there were 113 dogs and puppies on the property.

Transport records reviewed by HSUS show Bloom sold puppies to pet stores in at least five different states, including at least two Petland stores, one in Missouri and one in Texas. Petland falsely claims to use breeders who hold only the highest standards, but the conditions at Bloom's kennel appear to be typical of puppy mills. KS# CB000BGZ, USDA #48-A-1316.”

- **Shelli Kershner (Walnut Creek Kennel)**

- Shelli Kershner was named one of 2014's Horrible Hundred puppy mills by the HSUS.
- In its May 2014 report,⁸ the HSUS noted:
 - In August 2013, the USDA gave Kershner an official warning for a repeated failure to provide adequate veterinary care and a repeated failure to provide safe housing for her breeding dogs.
 - But even after this warning, in October 2013, a USDA inspector found a Shih-Tzu with her eye crusted shut and a “pink, fleshy protrusion” in the center of the eye.
 - There was another incident earlier in the year when a dog was found with “long toenails and reddened, bloody gums.”
 - In August 2012, the USDA found **109 dogs** at the kennel when its official records listed only 64, indicating that this B dealer was getting dogs from undocumented sources, which could include unlicensed puppy mills.
 - When the USDA returned in February 2014 to check on the kennel, they were not given access, which is a violation.



- **Becky Mosshart (Rebecca Mosshart, Sam Mosshart, SBM Kennels)**
 - Becky Mosshart is a large-scale pet broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores,⁶ including the store she owns in Fort Collins, Colorado.
 - Becky Mosshart also operates a facility with **211 adult breeding dogs and 150 puppies**.⁶
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² Colorado Secretary of State website (state.co.us) July, 2021

³ Hobby breeders are exempt from the AWA as well as the laws and regulations of at least 19 states (<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/rpt/2013-R-0309.htm>)

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⁷ ASPCA website <https://nopetstorepuppies.com/dog-breeder/thomas-lorilee-chris-and-featherston-opal> September 2019

⁸ The Humane Society of the United States; 101 Puppy Mills: A Sampling of Problem Puppy Mills in the United States, May 2014



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Pet Store Name:	Pet Paradise
Owner:	Pet Paradise, Inc. ¹
Store Address:	1115 Pueblo Blvd Way, Pueblo, CO 81005
Store Phone:	(719) 564-6191
Owner Contact:	Ronald Kendall ¹
Contact Address:	1620 Lynwood Ln Pueblo, CO ²
Contact Phone:	(719) 561-8141 ³
Pet Store Website:	https://pueblopetparadise.com/

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Large-Scale Breeder		5			5
Jeanna Johnston		5			5
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The bottom line...**99.7%** of the puppies **Pet Paradise** purchased from outside Colorado from 2017 through 2020 are **from one puppy mill puppy broker and one large-scale breeder with a history of violations of the Animal Welfare Act.**⁵ Below are some details on those two sellers.



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Pet Store Name:	Pet City of Chapel Hills
Owner:	Precious Pals, Inc. ¹
Store Address:	Chapel Hills Mall 1710 Briargate Blvd Ste 411, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Store Phone:	(719) 599-8899
Owner Contact:	Dustin Haworth ¹
Contact Address:	3610 Spitfire Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 ²
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Other Breeder	107	137	123	121	488
Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations	104	157	129	2	392
Large-Scale Breeder	37	43	94	147	321
Breeder, History of Violations	33	51	40	21	145
Puppy Mill Puppy Broker	68	33			101
HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill	27	10	14	6	57
Total	376	431	400	297	1504

The bottom line...

- In 2017-2020 Pet City-Chapel Hills purchased out-of-state puppies from **153 different breeders**.
- **Of those 153 breeders, 32 breeders, who provided 695 puppies (46%) have a history of violations** ((1) Large-Scale Breeder, History of Violations, (2) Breeder, History of Violations, (3) Puppy Mill Puppy Broker or (4) HSUS Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill.)
- In Pet City's own words from their website,
"How we choose where to get our puppies...Pet city visits inspectors [sic] breeders to ensure they meet our standards. "

**It simply defies belief and common sense that Pet City – Chapel Hills
inspects 153 breeders – all of which are in other states.**

**If they were concerned about the welfare of the breeder dogs at the source, there is no way they would
buy from the 32 breeders who have a history of USDA violations of the Animal Welfare Act!**



Due to the large number of out-of-state breeders Pet City – Chapel Hills buys from, it is not practical to expand the table to show every breeder under each category.

Below are some details about a few of the more notorious breeders Pet City – Chapel Hills buys from.

- **Lorilee Thomas**

- Operates a facility with 600-700 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies. She sells to pet stores all over the country and has a history of violations.⁵
- According to USDA inspection notes, violations include:⁶
 - Broken wire mesh with sharp points
 - Metal screws with sharp points in whelping box
 - Evidence of rodent activity
 - Hair and other excreta trapped in jagged sections of metal crates, bottom of plastic feeder, metal food receptacles, water lines and plastic structures
 - Toxic products stored on shelf directly above food storage area
 - Yorkshire terrier was found with excessively matted hair, balled and adhering to the skin.
 - Shih Tzu was found with a cloudy, opaque appearance on its left eye.
 - Several Chihuahuas were found to have excessively long toenails, hair loss, thinning hair and reddened skin.

- **Nebraskaland Pets (Angie/Casey Schaaf; Big Red Country Kennels)**

- Nebraskaland Pets is a puppy mill puppy broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores. The use of puppy mill brokers makes it difficult if not impossible for the public to know who a puppy's breeder actually was. It would also make it difficult if not impossible for Pet City - Chapel Hills to "...inspect breeders to ensure they meet [their] standards."
- Nebraskaland Pets has been buying and reselling puppies from one of the largest and worst puppy mills in Minnesota since, at least, 2011.⁵
- Nebraskaland Pets also operates a breeding facility with approximately 200 adult dogs.⁵
- From 2017 through 2020, Nebraskaland Pets has sold 9,521 puppy mill puppies to Colorado pet stores, making it the largest single out-of-state seller of puppy mill puppies to Colorado's pet stores.

- **Joyce Cairns (Unicorn Kennels)**

- In **April, 2021, Joyce Cairns received a USDA Direct Violation** as follows:
 - 2.40(b)(3) Direct Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). **Male, adult Pekinese with chip OAO2226111 ("Booker") has an uneven appearance to the surface of his eyes (corneas) with an area of white obscuring part of the left cornea and dark pigment on the right cornea. Both eyes have a red color to the "white of the eye" (sclera). Both eyes have mild amounts of green colored discharge dried in the hair around the eyes. **Male, adult Shih Tzu with chip 107 292 875 ("Buddy") has an uneven appearance to the surface of his right eye (cornea). There is dark pigment as well as a general cloudiness on the cornea. There is copious amounts of dark colored discharge in the eye and dried in the hairs around the eye. **The licensee is cleaning these dogs' eyes and applying artificial tears ointment but has not consulted with the attending veterinarian regarding the condition of the eyes. **Adult,



male Akita with chip number OAO2262114 ("Dusty") has a stiff, uneven gait. The licensee moved this dog to an indoor enclosure from his usual outdoor enclosure due to intolerance to the cold weather. The licensee stated that the dog appeared to be painful and vocalized when the weather was cold. During the inspection, the dog appeared reluctant to walk and the gait appeared to be abnormal while in the indoor enclosure. The attending veterinarian verified that he is aware of this dog's body condition and coat/skin condition. However, the licensee observed that this dog was showing signs of pain or possible orthopedic problems but has not communicated that to the attending veterinarian. Failure to observe medical problems and/or communicate those problems to a veterinarian can result in prolonged pain or even death. The facility representative must observe all animals daily and then ensure a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with a veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of health, behavior, and well-being are conveyed and so that the medical conditions of the animals can be evaluated by the veterinarian. To be corrected by close of business on 16 April 2021.

- **Joyce Cairns was named one of 2018's Horrible Hundred puppy mills by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). In its May 2018 report,⁷ the HSUS noted:**
 - **Repeated violations for dogs in need of veterinary care;** emaciated corgi found listless, with spine visibly protruding; Pekingese in need of surgery was not treated effectively more than six months later. Conditions at Unicorn Kennel appear to belie its fanciful name.
 - **Severe animal welfare issues were found at the kennel within the last year, both by USDA and state inspectors, with the USDA finding at least nine animals in need of veterinary care during three visits in 2017 alone.**
 - **On December 13, 2017, a USDA inspector gave Cairns a "Direct, Repeat" violation - one of the most serious types of USDA citations - for multiple dogs in need of veterinary care, just three months after four other dogs had been found in need at her kennel.** The dogs noted on the December report included two dachshunds with signs of advanced dental disease, including one who had so much dental calculus on some of her teeth that it "causes a visible bulge to the face when the dog's mouth is closed." Both dogs had loose teeth and a pus-like [*sic*] discharge on the gumline. In addition, the inspector found a Pekingese with signs of an ocular disorder; the white part of her eye was red, there was greenish discharge, and the cornea was dull and uneven. The inspector also found unprotected heat lamps that were dangerously close to whelping dogs.
 - Three months earlier (September 6, 2017), a USDA inspector found four other dogs in need of veterinary care, including an emaciated corgi and a Pekingese named Blondie, whom the owner had been directed to get care for in February, and who had still not been adequately treated more than six months later.
 - The September inspection also noted an update on two other dogs who had been found in need of veterinary care during a February inspection, stating they had been evaluated by a veterinarian but did not specify whether the dogs had recovered. The third dog identified in the February inspection was Blondie, the Pekingese with severely thickened ear tissue, who was found in September to be still suffering from the same condition.
 - The kennel is also inspected by the **Kansas Department of Agriculture. The kennel failed a February 2018 state inspection due to numerous problems**, including



excessive feces, a strong odor and three dogs who needed care: a poodle with missing fur, a cockapoo who was matted and an Australian shepherd who was “thin” and “under vet supervision.”

- Unicorn Kennel also failed a state inspection on January 18, 2017, when dogs were found standing in wet, dirty enclosures with excessive feces, and two additional dogs were found in need of veterinary care.
- The state inspection in February 2018 showed that Cairns had approximately **200 dogs and puppies** at her puppy mill.

- **Shelli Kershner (Walnut Creek Kennel)**

- Shelli Kershner was named one of **2014’s Horrible Hundred puppy mills by the HSUS**.
- In its May 2014 report,⁸ the HSUS noted:
 - In August 2013, the USDA gave Kershner an official warning for a repeated failure to provide adequate veterinary care and a repeated failure to provide safe housing for her breeding dogs.
 - But even after this warning, in October 2013, a USDA inspector found a Shih-Tzu with her eye crusted shut and a “pink, fleshy protrusion” in the center of the eye.
 - There was another incident earlier in the year when a dog was found with “long toenails and reddened, bloody gums.”
 - In August 2012, the USDA found **109 dogs** at the kennel when its official records listed only 64, indicating that this **B dealer was getting dogs from undocumented sources, which could include unlicensed puppy mills**.
 - When the USDA returned in February 2014 to check on the kennel, they were not given access, which is a violation.

- **Becky Mosshart (Rebecca Mosshart, Sam Mosshart, SBM Kennels)**

- Becky Mosshart and Sam Mosshart are a large-scale pet broker and breeder whose primary business is buying puppies from puppy mills and reselling them to pet stores, including the one Rebecca Mosshart owns in Fort Collins, Colorado.
- SBM Kennels also operates a facility with approximately 200 adult breeding dogs and associated puppies.⁵
- **Mosshart also has a long list of violations** including dogs standing on hard-wire flooring, standing water in outdoor kennels (spilled), excessive flies, kennels so rusted there are holes, beetles crawling through food dishes, food bowls have excessive grime/oil buildup, dogs couldn’t access food and water without walking through excessive feces.⁵
- Mosshart is an opponent of a new Kansas law regulating rescues and breeders. They don’t want surprise inspections.⁵

In 2020, due to the global pandemic, many of the USDA inspection programs were put on hold. Some so-called inspections were, in fact, merely phone conversations. HSUS indicates that “For at least three years in a row, the USDA has failed to revoke a single dog breeder license or significantly fine or penalize any problem dog breeders under the Animal Welfare Act.”



- ¹ PACFA Active Facilities List July 2021
- ² Colorado Secretary of State website (state.co.us) July 2021
- ³ Hobby breeders are exempt from the AWA as well as the laws and regulations of at least 19 states (<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/rpt/2013-R-0309.htm>)
- ⁴ A key source for tracking the origins of an animal is the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Before an animal is transported from one state to another, a veterinarian accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must examine the animal for signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease and, if no disease is found, sign the certificate for approval to transport. The State of Colorado does not require any comparable documentation be issued for animals being transported within the state, but does keep records of CVIs associated with animals entering the state from other states. For purposes of preparing this and other reports, 3CW has accumulated these inter-state CVIs for all dogs entering Colorado from 2017 through 2020. The tables and discussion in this report are based only on the subject pet store's out-of-state puppy purchases as records of in-state purchases are not available.
- ⁵ Bailing Out Benji website (bailingoutbenji.com) July 2021
- ⁶ ASPCA website <https://nopetstorepuppies.com/dog-breeder/thomas-lorilee-chris-and-featherston-opal> September 2019
- ⁷ The Humane Society of the United States; The Horrible Hundred 2018: A sampling of problem puppy mills and puppy sellers in the United States, May 2018
- ⁸ The Humane Society of the United States; 101 Puppy Mills: A Sampling of Problem Puppy Mills in the United States, May 2014