

I'm Karen Rasmussen. I have spent the last seven years researching the link between our puppy stores and their breeders. All stores in Connecticut selling puppies from out of state sources obtain a majority of them from breeding facilities with violations of the Animal Welfare Act, as well as unlicensed breeders with no regulation whatsoever.

Mr. Canning, the president of PIJAC claims, "We in the pet industry have zero tolerance for bad breeders. And that intolerance and distaste for bad breeders is shared by the responsible pet retailers of Connecticut." Yet PIJAC's Board Member Ryan Boyle is VP of Sales and Marketing for the Hunte Corporation. Hunte is the largest puppy broker in the country. The attached report shows Hunte buys puppies from many of the very breeders Mr. Canning disdains, breeders with violations so severe they defy belief. The puppies from these breeders are trucked directly to our stores. Mr. Canning claims eliminating puppy sales will open the doors to "unscrupulous out of state breeders" who "operate under the radar". Yet our stores also order plenty of puppies from unlicensed out of state breeders. Where is the difference?

The 31 kennels shown in this report are the tip of the iceberg, to give a small sampling of the types of breeders who are supplying our puppy stores. Store owners order their puppies from brokers and breeders by phone or website, not caring what types of conditions they come from. With the advent of the Freedom of Information Act and social media, the horrible mistreatment of these animals can no longer be hidden in dark back barns.

PIJAC has shown no initiative in our eyes to clean up its own industry. Anyone who condones this type of treatment towards dogs should be ashamed. I have no confidence that the pet industry is compassionate, ethical, or capable enough to implement any kind of reform in a timely manner to maintain acceptable animal welfare standards. In the best interest of the thousands of dogs suffering at the hands of unscrupulous breeders, the only solution for Connecticut is to boycott it altogether, and require pet stores to provide rescued animals only.

We are progressive-thinking animal advocates in Connecticut, and strongly believe these stores can thrive on an adoption-only model. Reputable rescues require a contractual agreement with adopters that if a pet can't be kept for any portion of its life for any reason, it will be returned to the adoption group. The public can embrace the "adopt, don't shop" credo.

Thirty Breeders used by CT puppy stores in 2012

From the 2013 HSUS "A Horrible Hundred" List

Arkansas Breeders

Barbara Gullett (#71A0748) - "Dog died after tied to pickup truck. 3 puppies coughing. Using medications not labeled for dogs. Strong ammonia smell, overhead exhaust inoperable".

Sold pups to: American Breeders ("Puppies & Kittens")

Sara Young (#71A0676) - "Dead and dismembered puppies. 131 dogs left out in the cold without adequate protection from the elements. Puppies from different litters appear wet and greasy, Licensee stated she is treating them for hair loss with a combination of lard and sulphur." Violations dating back to 2004. Over 100 USDA photos. *Sold pups to: Gentle Jungle, Puppy Love, The Puppy Center. BROKER: Hunte Corporation*



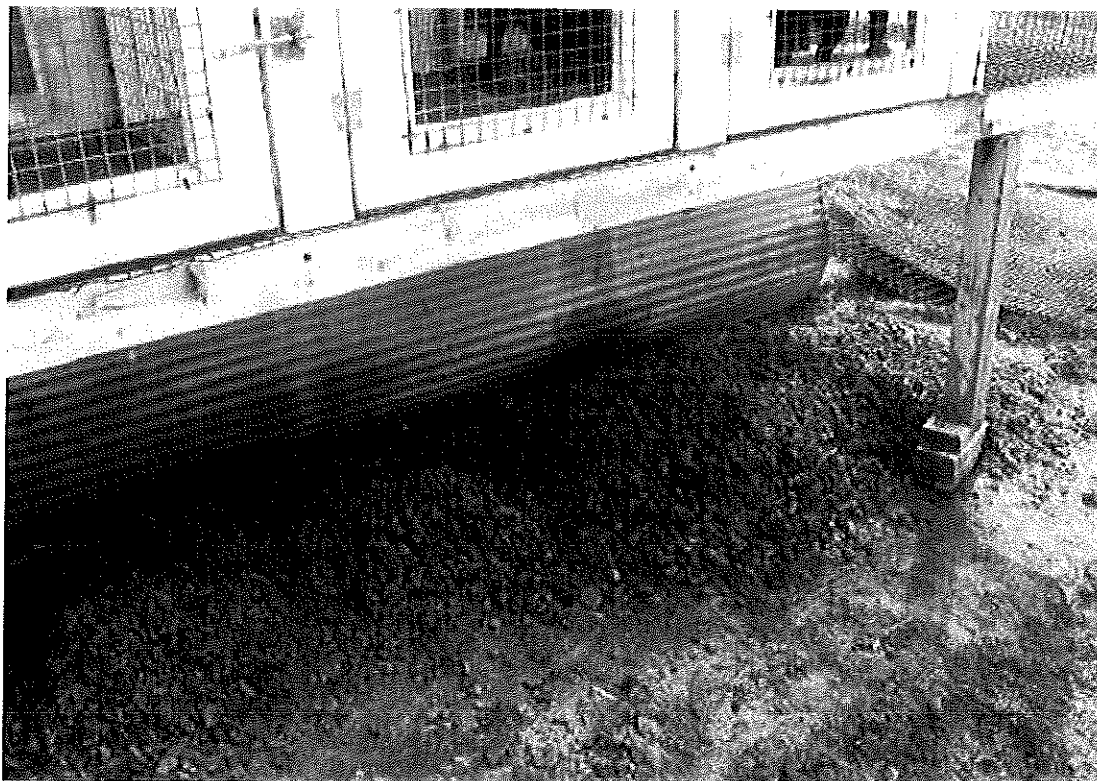
Photographer	Michelle Cooper, PHOT	Legal Name	71A0676
Field Station	Ark. Jan 20, '11 - 500ppr.	Source	71A0676
Inspection	1/21/11 17:26:00		
Description	Puppies from different litters appear wet and greasy. The deaths of these puppies is being investigated by HSUS.		

Iowa Breeders

Gary Felts (#42A0757)- "Fined 18k by USDA for violations, Feds suing for non-payment, yet still licensed"

Photo – Excessive feces under cages, rotted support beam on bricks.

Sold pups to: The Dog House



Connie & Harold Johnson (#42B0226) – "Sick dogs, repeat violations".

Sold pups to: Gentle Jungle, American Breeders



Linda Thorpe (Sky Blue Ranch #42A1140) – "Dog found dead in her cage, licensee unaware. Dogs' feet falling through flooring. Within the sheltered portion of the adult dog building housing 130 dogs, there is a strong ammonia odor present. The odor was high enough to make the inspectors eyes and throat burn slightly. In the adult housing facility, all of the cages have varying degrees of dirt, hair, grime and/or old feces on the tops/sides and/or floors of the primary enclosures." ***Sold pups to Puppies of Westport***



Kansas

Larry & Yvette Bolz (#48A1582) " This facility has been cited repeatedly by USDA and Kansas state inspectors for unsafe housing and animals in need of veterinary care, including one very thin puppy "stretched out on the floor" who "vocalized as if in pain." Staff stated that the puppy had been sick for more than a week and had not been taken to a vet, according to the USDA inspector (Sept. 2011). In 2010 the facility received an official warning from the USDA for violations of federal regulations due to conditions at the kennel." Their website bandskennels.com states, "Our puppies are treated with TLC...they are provided with the best food and care" Approximately 200 dogs at kennel. *Sold pups to Puppy Love*

Marla & Roger Campbell (#48A1549) "Very thin mother dogs and filthy conditions". *Sold pups to Puppy Love*

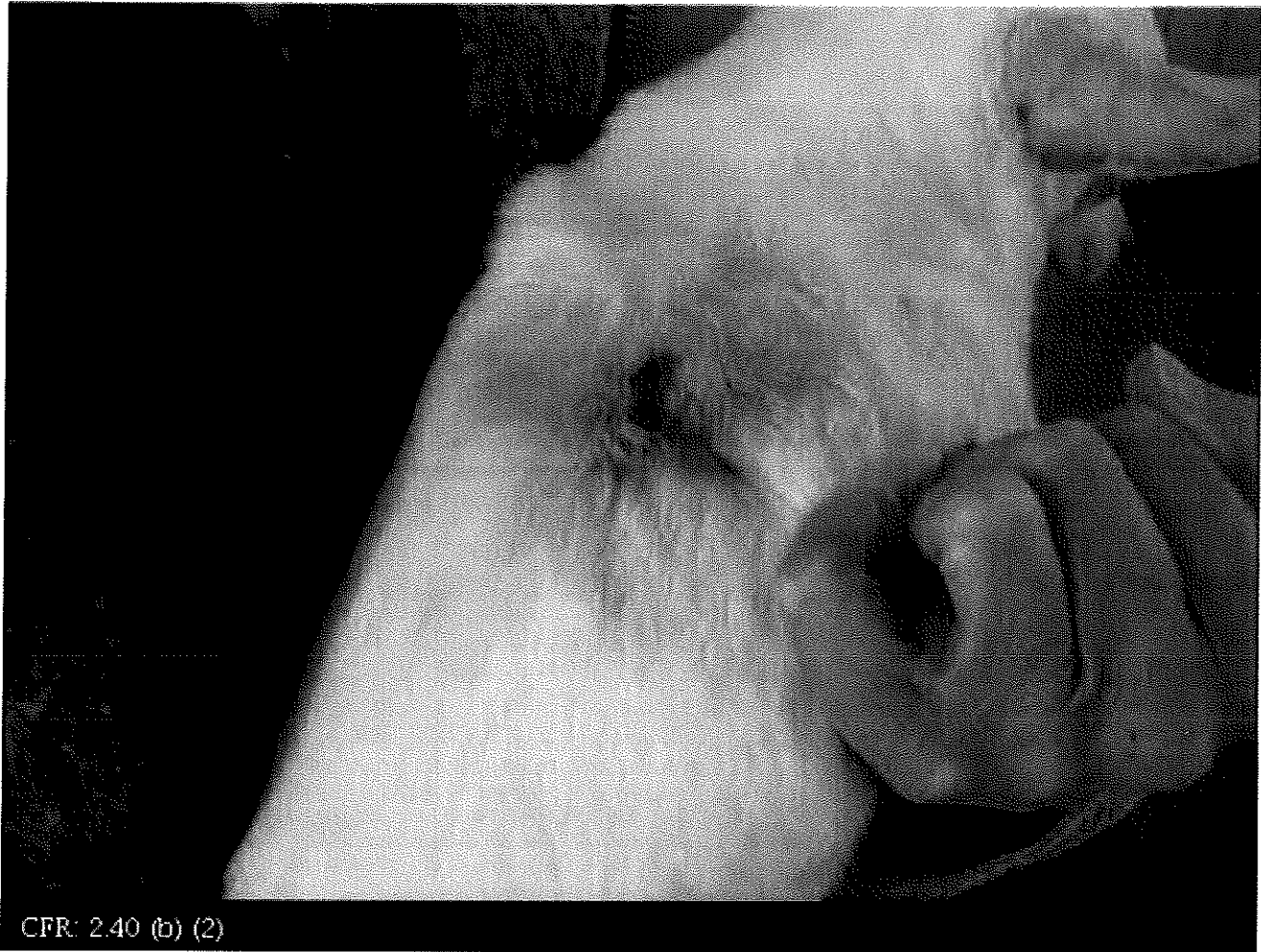
Justin & LaNae Jackson (#48A1849) "More than 600 dogs, violations back to 2007..Bird droppings caked in food receptacles. Dried, caked excreta. Shiba Inu with open wound". *Sold pups to American Breeders*

Keith & Lila Ratzlaff (#48A1793) "Extremely thirsty dogs without water in 90+ degree heat"
Sold pups to Gentle Jungle, Puppy Love. BROKER: Hunte Corporation



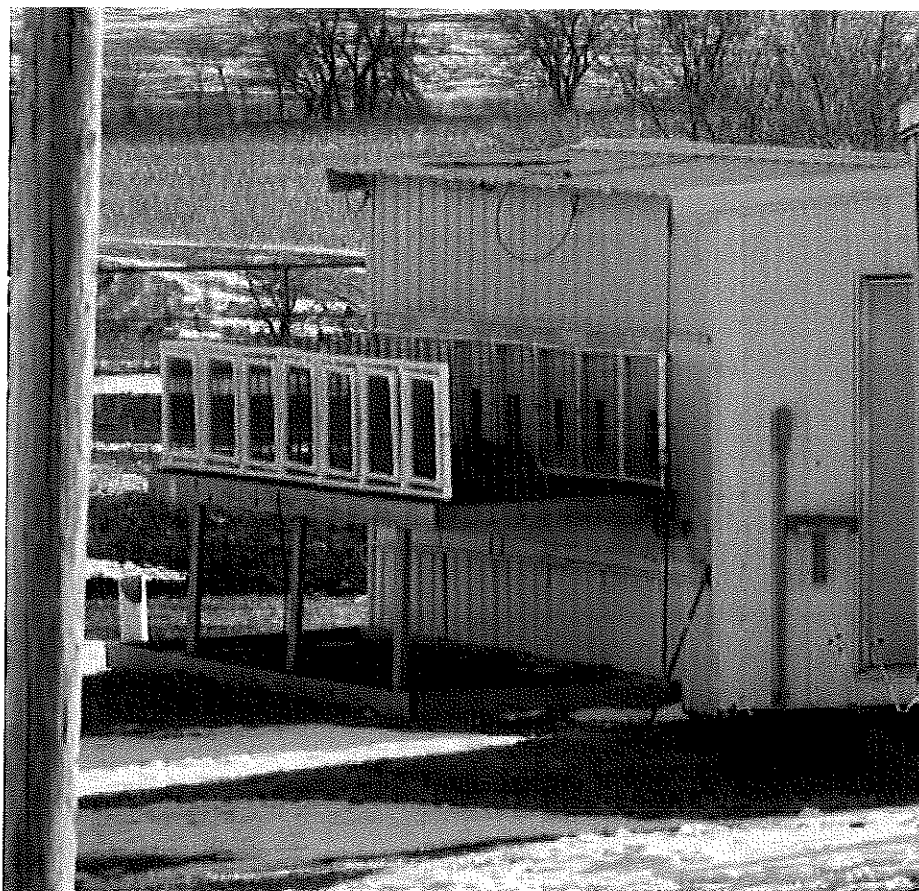
Audrey Rottinghaus (Wendy's Pets #48B0313) "In 2012 alone, the puppy mill linked to Audrey Rottinghaus, Wendy's Pets was cited for several dogs in need of veterinary care, including a limping dog and a dog with an open, swollen wound; housing so unsafe that a Yorkie's head was found entrapped in a gap in a cage lid, and initially refusing to let a federal inspector photograph a dog with oozing "blackish discharge" coming out of his ear, among other problems. Wendy's Pets houses more than 100 dogs and puppies."

Sold pups to American Breeders, The Puppy Center



Photographer:	R. Bacon	Legal Name:	48-B-0313
Photo Taken:	Tue, Jan 10, '12 3:00 PM	AUDREY ROTTINGHAUS	
Inspection:	11121211230579		
Description:	Chihuahua #087 123018 with an open wound on right hand side.		

**Krystal & Sandra Rottinghaus (#48A2120) "Repeat violations for emaciated and limping dogs"
*Sold pups to American Breeders***

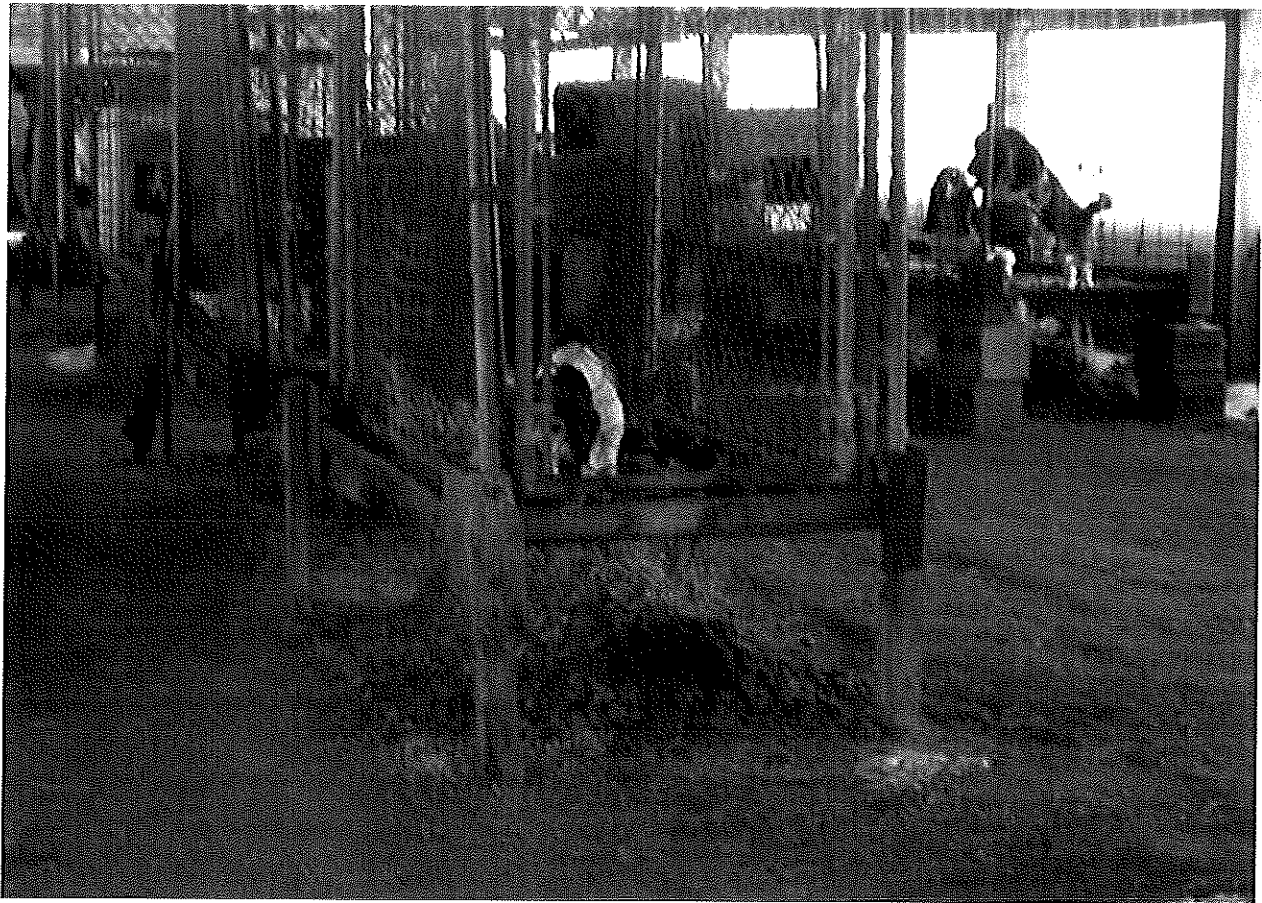


Minnesota

**Wanda Kretzman (#41B0190) "1,100+ dogs, beetles crawling in food, urine fumes that burned the eyes"
*Sold pups to The Puppy Center and Puppy Love. BROKER: Hunte Corporation***



John & Lyle Renner (#41A0248) "Fined 5k for USDA violations". *Sold pups to Gentle Jungle*



Missouri

Pamela Baldwin (#43A4762) "Excessively thin dogs with ribs protruding". *Sold pups to American Breeders*



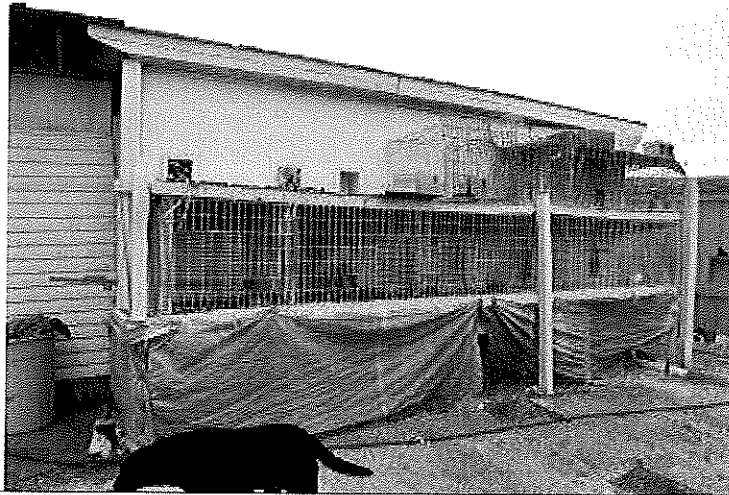
Brandi Cheney (Circle B Farms #43B3698).

“Brandi continues to operate Circle B Farms, LLC, a second puppy mill in a different location. USDA inspections of Circle B Farms in 2011 uncovered a number of new, severe violations, including dogs in need of veterinary care, temperatures inside the kennel registering as high as 109.5 degrees F., failure to provide adequate lighting or electricity, and failure to provide adequate cage space.”

Sold puppies to Puppies of Westport (2011)

Kimberly Coleman (#43A4973) “Fined 8k by USDA. 300 dogs in wet/freezing weather with no protection. Strong odors and flies throughout facility”. **Sold pups to The Puppy Center. BROKER: Hunte Corporation**

Kenneth Dake (#43A5402) “Accumulations of trash and waste, dogs in the cold”. Over fifty USDA photos. **Sold pups to American Breeders, Puppy Love. BROKER – Hunte Corporation**



Photographer	Janell Folsom	Legal Name	Brandi Cheney	Registration	43-A-992
Photo Taken	11/10/2011				
Inspector	921112520000				
Description	puppy mill facility with no protection				

Pups huddled under heat lamp, only source of warmth in 40 degree building



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Rhonda Gear – Country Babies (#43B3613) “Dogs without shelter in 20 degree temperatures, buildings not cleaned in months” *Sold pups to Puppies of Westport*

Valente Rios (#43A5652) “Dogs in complete darkness, failure to obtain vet care”. Dozens of USDA photos. *Sold pups to American Breeders*



Nebraska

Barbara Crick (#47A0426) "Shot Golden Retriever in the head for killing her puppies".
Sold pups to The Dog House

Linda Hager (#47A0410) "Not home 6 times in a row for inspections, two dogs so sick they had to be euthanized". *Sold pups to American Breeders*

Ohio

Harvey Burkholder (#31A0061) "Sale of underage puppies, dogs needing vet care".
Sold pups to: Statewide Pets (below, note teeth separating from gumline)



Ervin Raber (#31A0124) "Potentially devastating zoonotic disease, sick and injured dogs".
Sold pups to Triple Oak Kennel

Jonas Raber (#31A0235) "Chose to euthanize 5 dogs rather than provide treatment, dogs found with ulcerations and wounds". *Sold pups to: Triple Oak Kennel*



Daniel Schlabach (Evergreen Designer LLC. #31A0412) "Multiple violations" *Sold pups to: Triple Oak Kennel*



Abe Yoder (#31A0420) "Nursing poodle with broken jaw left to suffer". *Sold pups to: Statewide Pets*



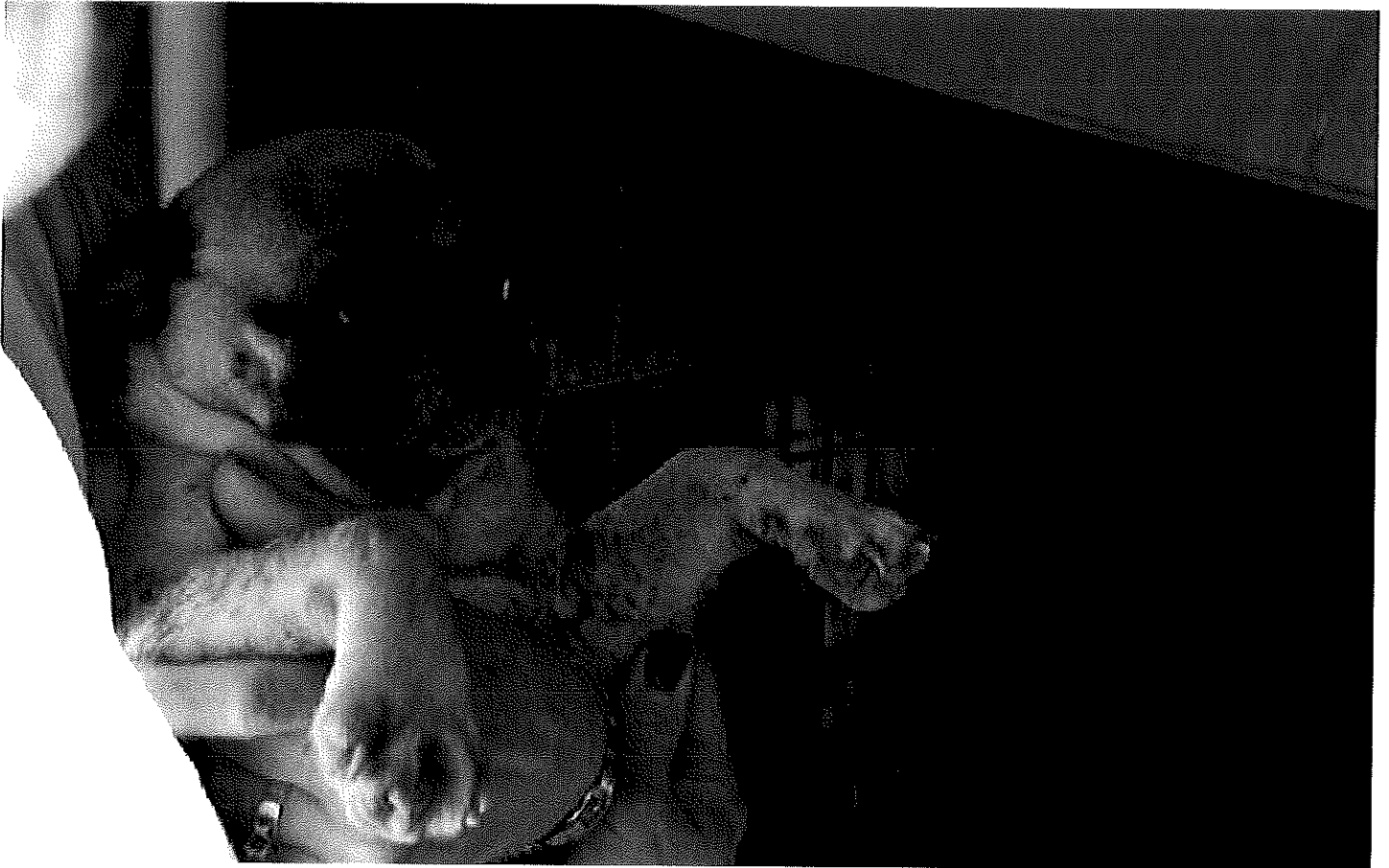
**Owen R. Yoder (#31A0198) "Continued to violate the welfare act standards despite Official Warnings"
*Sold pups to: Statewide Pets***



Oklahoma

Shirley Machin (#73A2522) "Beagle with torn and mangled face had to have been in pain and suffering"
Sold pups to Gentle Jungle

Connie and Jimmie West (#43A0425) "Puppies walking in feces, dogs with fight injuries".
Sold pups to: American Breeders



Pennsylvania

Marlin Zimmerman (#23A0268) "Dogs living in darkness, state violations". *Sold pups to Statewide Pets*

Dishonorable Mention: (my choice)

Joseph & Rhoda Graber of Odon, Indiana (#32A0350). *Sold pups (Bernese Mountain Dogs) to Puppy Love in 2011 & 2012. BROKER: Hunte Corporation*

From 8/21/12 USDA Inspection:

"At the time of inspection, there was a female Bernese Mountain Dog, date of birth 6/20/12 that had a front right paw where bones were protruding through the skin, and muscle was easily visible. The puppy's left paw also had similar problems. The puppy was whimpering on the floor of the enclosure and unable to move. The Licensee (Graber) said that the dog had broken both its front paws on 8/16/12, five days earlier. They were unsure as to how this had happened. The attending vet was out to the facility to check on puppies the next day (8/17/12), but not asked to look at this puppy. As the Licensee's son lifted the puppy for me to see it better, it cried out in pain, and was in obvious distress. The attending vet did show up while the inspector was there, to euthanize the dog. When asked why the vet hadn't seen it on Friday when he was there, the Licensee stated that they just hadn't thought about it, and had been giving the puppy some steroids to help with the pain."



"There was also a female Shih-tzu #283 that was brown and white that was in its enclosure licking its lips constantly. On further examination, the dog's rear cheek teeth and front canines were both covered in a thick layer of a brown and green crusty substance. The Licensees' son stated that they were planning on euthanizing the dog after it gave birth and weaned the pups. There was no evidence that the dog had been seen by the attending vet prior to this inspection. During the write-up of this inspection the attending vet did show up, and determined that the dog would need dental work and a tooth pulled but left without doing the procedure."



"A Cavalier Spaniel female #107 was observed to have a thick black discharge from both ears that encrusted the interior and exterior hair. The interior of the ear had more discharge and was red, painful and irritated."



"There are between 10-15 dogs in the rear kennel that have nails so long that they are bending sideways as the dogs stand. These long nails can easily get caught in the flooring of the kennel and cause the nail to be ripped off."



We believe the Grabers did not renew their USDA license as of 1/3/13.

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Name of Pet Shop Puppies of Westport

Address 255 Westport Ave

Norwalk, CT 06851

203-222-5400

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN W6052

Breeder USDA# 42A1140

Breed Monkee Sex M Color BHK/tan

DOB
9/26/12

Breeder Name Linda Thorp SKY BLUE RANCH

Breeder's Address 1821 Quarry Trail

City Winterset State IA 50073

Brokers Name ?

Brokers Address _____

City _____ State _____



Name of Pet Shop Kennel Traylor Calk
Address 1023 N Main
Dayville Ct 06241

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Animal USDA# 31A 0235 Date of Birth 6-15-12
Species Canine Breed Richard Foose
Sex Male Color White
Breeder Name Joan's Baber Phone 7

Breeder's Address:

Street (no PO boxes) 4880 TR 351
City Bluffersburg State Ohio Zip 44654
Brokers Name Pat Craddall Phone (601) 774-2711

Brokers Address:

Street (no PO boxes) 1023 N Main
City Dayville State CT Zip 06241

DOES SHE
HAVE A
BROKER'S
LICENSE?



FORM 1
1/2007
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1/2007

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Name of Pet Shop The Puppy Center
Address 1148 New Britain Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06110

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Animal USDA # 43-B-123 Date of Birth 5-02-12

Species Canine Breed Poodle

Sex ♂ Color Apricot

Breeder Name Wanda Kretzman Phone () _____

Breeder's Address: _____

Street (no PO boxes) 24307 Highway 10
City Cushing State MA Zip 01643

Brokers Name The Hunt Corp Phone () _____

Brokers Address: _____



Name of Firm PURE LOVE
37 Lakes Ave Bldg.
Address Durham, CT 06831

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Product of Brother USDA # 48-3-123
in Family # 123456789
Product # 12345

Brood Bernese Swiss Chow Black RSIT NH

Brooder Name Joseph Graber

Brooder's Address 958 E. 875th St.

City Odessa Ind

Brokers Name HUNTLE COOP

Brokers Address 121 North Bay Blvd

City Grandmen Mo 64843

8 MILL PLAIN ROAD #1
DANBURY, CT 06811



AMERICAN BREEDERS

Quality Puppies & Kittens

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS BETWEEN AMERICAN BREEDERS AND:

NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

REFERRED BY: N.B.

PET WILL BE PICKED UP BY: 7/27/12 CHECK CASH CREDIT

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Breeder: Kenneth Dale Add: 249 Hwy 42 Ph: 573-993-2400 USDA: 43-A-2402
City: DIXON State: MO Zip: 65459
Broker: Hunt Add: 14151.20thill Blvd Ph: 417-364-8890 USDA: 43-B-273
City: Goodman State: MO Zip: 64843

Whelped: 2/17/12 Rec: 5/8/12 Animal USDA: 1874693

DOG CAT

Breed: Labrador Retriever sex: male Color: Y/W

Pet ID # 2507PH920 Microchip #: 000726CC051

If the breed is unknown or mixed, indicate that fact:

Sire: Whittle's Pistachio Reg# UR04H0808101 Club: AK

Dam: Nake's Kennedy Reg# UR05H331161 Club: AK

AMOUNT	
REG/FRICT	3.00
VACCINE	28.00
MICROCHIP	15.00
LIFETIME ACT	50.00
SUPPLIES	12.00
FINANCE FEE	
SUBTOTAL	113.00
TAX	4.00
TOTAL	117.00
FINANCE DEPOSIT PAID	200.00
	83.00