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To whom this concerns:

My husband and I have two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, one purchased at All Pets Club in Branford, CT, and one rescued from a shelter in Arkasas, but originally came from a pet store. Both girls have severe genetic disorders, Syringomyelia, and one has Mitral Valve Disease. They are 5 and 6 years old. The 6 year old, Isabella, came home from All Pets Club at 3 months of age with Kennel Cough, turning into severe pneumonia, resulting in her losing one of her lungs at 6 months of age. This came after every treatment possible to save her life. We adopted Martini at age 6 months, and shortly after, both girls were diagnosed with Syringomyelia. This resulted in both having surgery, a cranioplasty, and lifelong medication. Martini is now struggling with a compressed spinal cord, making every aspect of her life a challenge.

The bottom line to this mostly emotional, and secondarily financial challenge, is that these wonderful companions were the result of the severely improper and inhumane breeding that occurs in puppy mills. Pet stores that sell these puppies are making a huge profit from the suffering of the breeding dogs and their offspring. A reputable breeder would not breed dogs with these types of genetic disorders.

Also, the horrible conditions that our wonderful girls' parents have endured daily is an absolute abomination! Pet stores can promote adoption, and continue to be a viable business, without making money from the torture of creatures we should be protecting!

Please, please, please, stop this abuse now.

The measure of the goodness of a society is how their most vulnerable are treated. What kind of a society are we, to allow pet stores to continue to support the horrors of puppy mills?

Thank you for doing what is right.

Respectfully,

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