

Hello, my name is Togi Kuttamperoor; I am the owner/operator of the Safari Stan's Pet Store, which plans to open its doors in December 2013. I'm here to testify against the ban of the sale of puppies in pet stores. I strongly believe that a person has the right to choose their pet from a shelter, rescue, or a pet store. Connecticut has the most regulations when it comes to Pet Stores and I support regulations that ensure pet stores are following the rules to ensure happy pets are being placed in loving homes. Banning good pet stores from selling their pets does not solve the problem you are wanting to rectify. A ban will force consumers to get their puppies from other sources like the Internet or private sellers that are not regulated which in turn will help to foster the existing problem.

As part of becoming qualified to open a pet store I have been required to go through extensive training. Just last month, as part of my training and to observe the quality of the life of pets I will be helping to provide homes to, for my business, I visited seven breeders and their vets that cared for these animals. I was impressed to see how responsible these breeders were. They knowledgeable about their breeds and their special requirements, made sure their dogs were clean, had regular veterinary care, lived in comfortable and sanitary conditions, received both regular exercise and good nutrition.

All dogs had plenty of space that meet the needs of the breed, contact with natural flooring and were socialized with other dogs, toys and exercise rooms. The areas were clean, spacious and well maintained. The dogs were treated as their pets. They were lively, healthy, well adjusted and did not shy away from visitors.

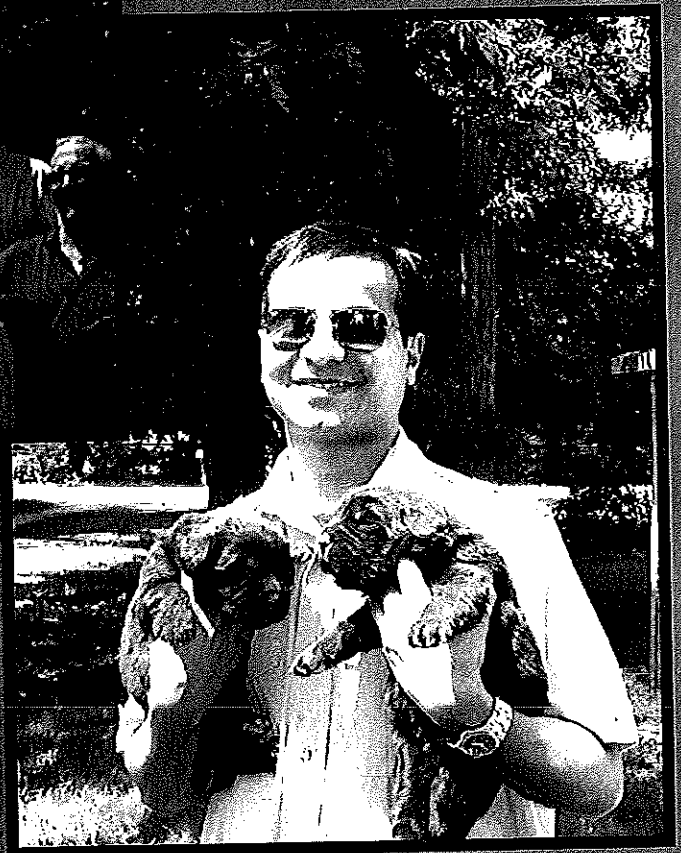
Additionally, nursery buildings were big enough for the mother to be able to move about freely with enclosures that safely contained the puppies.

Attached are some pictures from visit with breeders and their dogs that detail the above conditions I observed during my trips to these breeders.

Lastly, my small business creates a positive impact on the Connecticut economy. While small businesses may not generate as much money as large corporations, they are a critical component of and major contributor to the strength of this local economy. They help stimulate economic growth by providing employment opportunities to people who may not be employable by larger corporations. A ban on the retail sale of pets will cause many pet stores to go out of business and impact many people that will have to look elsewhere for employment.

Thank you for your time.

# Togi at Dave Millers



Dave Miller and his  
Newfoundlands



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Terry and Howard  
Buening breed  
great Scottish  
Terriers,  
Chihuahuas, and  
Papillions.

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# Togi with Nancy Nentrup

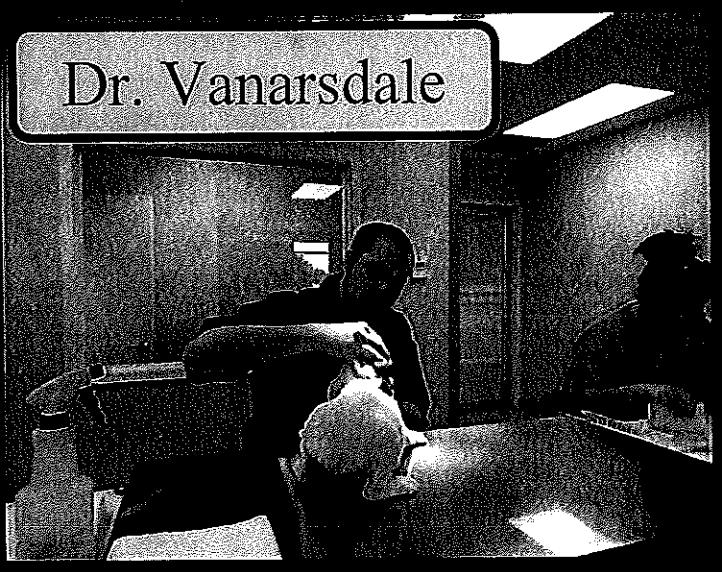


Nancy breeds  
beautiful Siberian  
Huskies and  
Australian  
Shepherds

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# Togi visiting with breeder Veterinarians.

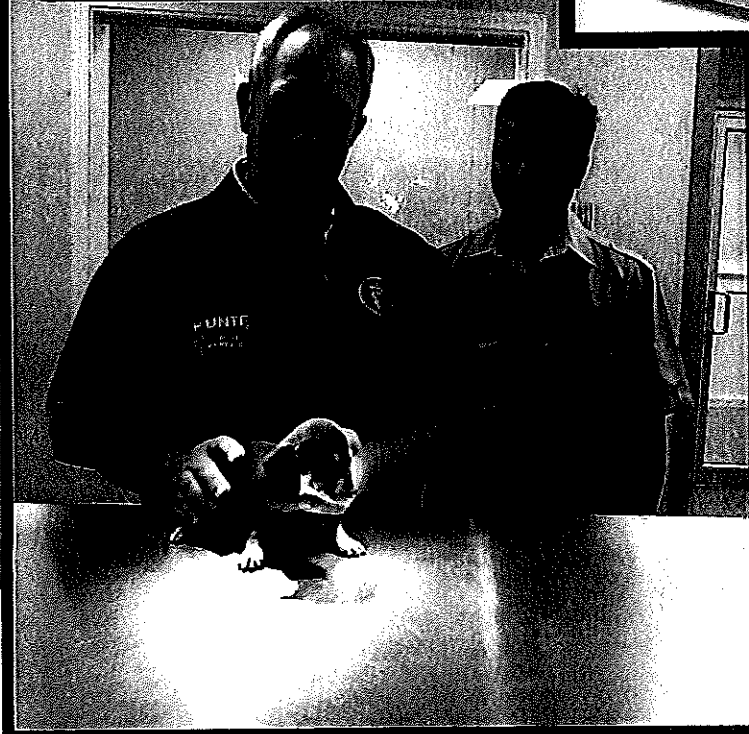
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