

## WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT PUPPY MILLS?

1. Never to purchase an animal, or pet supplies from a store that sells cats or dogs and encourage others not to, as well
2. Never purchase an animal from a newspaper add or online and encourage others not to, as well

Very often, puppies sold in pet stores and online are born to suffering dogs in puppy mills. By purchasing a dog online or at a pet store, you run the risk of supporting, and thus perpetuating, this cruel practice.

Don't be fooled by sellers who claim "these dogs don't come from a puppy mill" or "these dogs come from a small family breeder" simply making these statements is not enough. And, is it really worth taking the risk of supporting puppy mills by taking someone's word for it? Make the safe choice and choose NOT to purchase an animal online, from a newspaper or at a pet store where you can be assured that you are not supporting a puppy mill!

3. Choose the "Adoption Option", even if you want a pure breed dog, and encourage others to do the same

Did you know that 25% of all shelter dogs are pure breeds? Did you also know that almost every breed has its own rescue? So, even if you decide you want a pure breed dog, you will be able to find one through the SPCA, other shelters, or a breed specific rescue. Why shop when you can adopt? You can research local shelters and breed rescue groups at [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org) and [www.adoptananimal.ca/](http://www.adoptananimal.ca/). By choosing the adoption option you will save a life, support a local shelter or rescue and help stop pet overpopulation!

4. Continue to write your MNA and MP about the problem of Puppy Mills

Thanks to your determination and active participation, the government has begun to realize that the public is deeply concerned about this issue and that something must be done to end this horrific practice. But we cannot let our government representatives forget how important this issue is and we need to continually remind them that until there are no more dogs suffering needlessly in the name of profit that we will continue to stand up and demand change.

Visit

[http://www.hsicanada.ca/companion\\_animals/puppy\\_mills/pupmymill\\_week\\_08.html](http://www.hsicanada.ca/companion_animals/puppy_mills/pupmymill_week_08.html)

(HSI Canada, our partners in the fight against puppy mills) to find sample letters you can use to write to your local representatives.

5. Write letters to the editors of local newspapers about the connection between puppy mills, the internet and pet stores

The media has become aware of the large scale problem of puppy mills in the Province of Quebec. Newspapers are interested in the public's view on this crisis and it is a great way to continue to keep this issue alive in the media and to continue to educate other members of the public.

6. Donate to the CSPCA or other local shelters or rescues to help us put an end to puppy mills

In the past few months, the CSPCA, in conjunction with HSIC has rescued over 300 dogs from puppy mills. Many small rescues, both in and outside Quebec, have helped to care for and place these dogs. Thousands more dogs in puppy mills need our help and we are committed to putting an end to this misery. Please help us stop the abuse of puppy mills and make a donation to the CSPCA's anti-puppy mill fund or donate to your local rescue group or shelter. Your donation will help us rescue dogs from the worst puppy mills, run our emergency shelter, provide care for the animals and fund investigations that will help shut down puppy mills for good. Donating to your local rescue will help them care for the dogs which they have taken from puppy mill seizures!

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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

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