



## How to Avoid Buying a Pet from a Mill

- Always deal direct with the breeder if you plan to buy a purebred. The breeder should be a member of breed clubs and the Canadian Kennel Club. You can call the CKC in Toronto at 416-675-5511 if you want to check the breeder's status.
- To call a dog purebred, the breeder must supply you with registration papers. It is the breeder's responsibility to register the pet, not yours, and they cannot charge you extra for the papers. In most provinces, pets are also subject to sales tax. The CKC can also tell you if the papers you have are legitimate.
- Visit the kennel to meet the breeder personally and the parents of the litter—sometimes the male will not be there as they may be owned by another breeder.
- Arrange to come back while they are nursing—that way you will know the breeder isn't trying to pass off the offspring from another litter as the one you are seeing.
- Multiple ads in the newspaper is a good tip-off that the breeder is not reputable or responsible.
- If you don't care to get a purebred direct from the breeder, visit your local Humane Society or shelter and adopt a pet—thousands of purebreds and crossbreds arrive at shelters each year. One estimate says 25% of dogs at shelters are purebred!

- You can also seek out private rescues—most use Petfinder to advertise their available animals at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).
- Never buy a pet on impulse. Take the time to do your research on breeds, breeders, and what is involved in owning a pet.



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## General Information





## No Puppy Mills Canada

### Who We Are

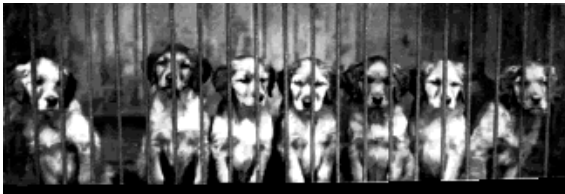
The goal of No Puppy Mills Canada is to inform the general public about Puppy Mills and what are generally termed as "Back Yard Breeders".

Our purpose is also to:

- help promote responsible pet ownership throughout Canada
- assist all prospective pet purchasers in choosing a lifelong companion
- encourage spaying and neutering of pets
- assist Canadians in understanding the realities of buying puppies from Puppy Mills, Back Yard Breeders or from the local Pet Store
- support the many wonderful Canadian rescue groups, the Humane Societies and responsible breeders

### Our Mission

Providing facts and information to empower the consumer in order to make an educated decision about how to add a pet to their lives.

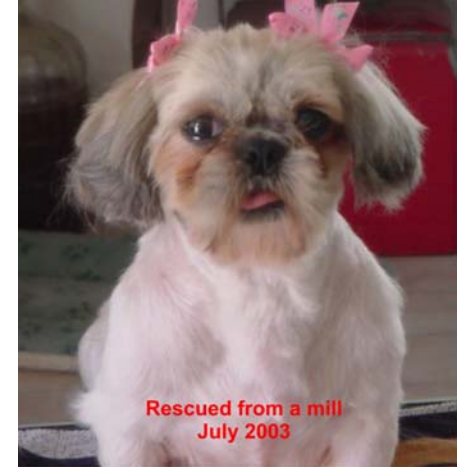


### What is a Mill?

- A large-scale commercial breeding facility with many different breeds of pets.
- Sells primarily to retail pet shops (usually via a broker), but occasionally sell directly to individual consumers.
- The dogs are bred solely for profit, with no concern for their physical health or psychological well-being
- Most are disease-ridden, all are force bred continuously
- Often uses "Kennels" or "Farms" in its business name.
- Dogs' and puppies' are usually in squalid living conditions are off-limits to the public.

### What is a Backyard Breeder?

- Scaled-down version of mills, operating on residential property, with fewer breeds.
- Squalid living condition
- Sells to pet shops and to individual consumers, relying on newspaper advertising for the latter.



### Where Can You Get a Pet?

There are many places to acquire a pet to join your family where you do not need to worry about the inhumane treatment of its parents.

- Local humane societies or shelters
- Private rescue groups
- Reputable/responsible breeders

We recommend using Petfinder to help you find a companion!

**Petfinder.com**  
ADOPT A HOMELESS PET

