

WHAT IS A PUPPY MILL?



Lack of exercise and socialization - excessive confinement



Lack of veterinary care

A PUPPY MILL is:

“Any profit-centered breeding facility in which the number of dogs has exceeded the owner’s ability and/or willingness to meet the physical and emotional needs of all of the animals to a degree that permits the animals to have a decent quality of life.”

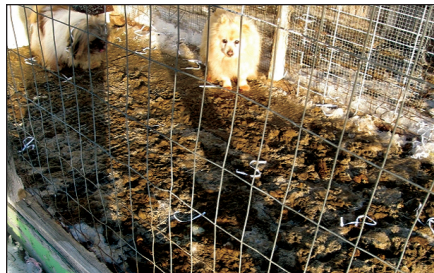
– Dr. Franklin McMillan, *Understanding and Caring for Rescued Puppy Mill Dogs*



Overbreeding - placing animals in danger



Lack of food - too thin to stand up



Lack of sanitation - excessive feces

Photos above are from MN dog breeding facilities. Source: USDA; dog with puppies from Cass County Sheriff.

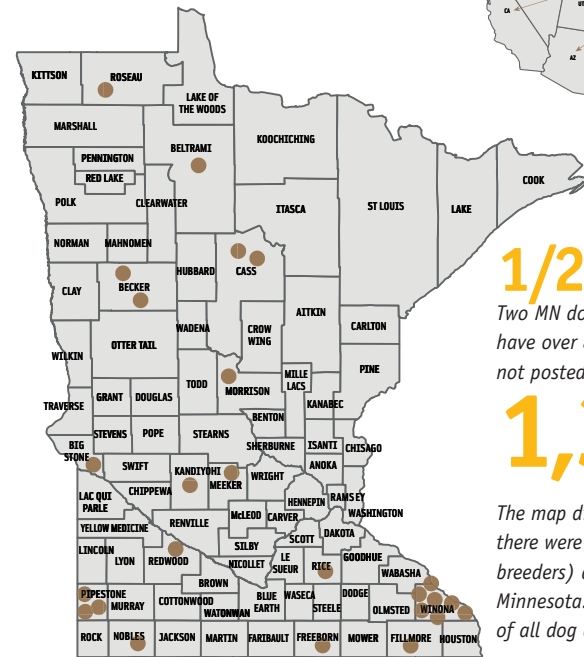
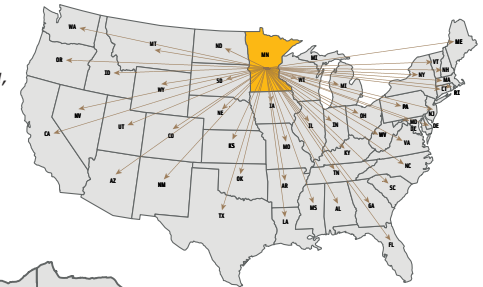
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MASS PRODUCTION OF PUPPIES FOR PROFIT

PUPPIES ARE SEEN AS PRODUCTS. ADULT DOGS ARE TREATED AS INVENTORY.

Puppy mills are part of the multi-billion dollar pet trade industry. Puppies are mass produced for sales and profit with adult dogs confined for years and bred repeatedly. Sickly, unwanted, and abandoned dogs end up with animal shelters and rescues that medically treat, care, house, and find homes for the animals — with no financial assistance from the pet trade industry.

Minnesota breeders ship puppies to pet stores, dealers, or consumers in every state in the nation except Hawaii. Top shipments are to Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska, where large brokers are located.



Of the USDA-licensed dog breeders and dealers in Minnesota, more than

1/2 keep more than **50** adult dogs.

Two MN dog breeders were reported by the USDA to have over 850 dogs and puppies in 2016 (updates not posted). One MN breeder (in 2018) has over

1,360 dogs and puppies.

The map displays USDA-licensees only. As of 2018, there were 21 USDA-licensed Class A (dog/cat breeders) and 4 Class B (dog/cat dealers) in Minnesota. This number represents only a fraction of all dog and cat breeders in Minnesota.

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