

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PUPPY STORES



Most pet store puppies come from puppy mills

It is well documented that the majority of dogs sold in pet stores come from "puppy mills."

Puppy mills are large-scale breeding operations that put profit before the well-being of dogs.

Pet stores treat puppies like products

At just eight-weeks-old, pet store puppies are taken from their mothers, put on trucks, and driven long distances. Once at the store, the puppies are displayed like merchandise and sold to anyone willing to pay the exorbitant prices.

You don't see where the puppies came from

Puppy stores assure customers that their breeders are "USDA licensed" or "Canine Care Certified."

This may *sound* good, but **USDA standards are shockingly low**. It is legal to keep dogs in small, stacked wire cages for their entire lives, and to breed females at every heat cycle until they are worn out.

As for **Canine Care Certified**, these breeders are inspected **only every 16 months**, and the results of these inspections are not made public.



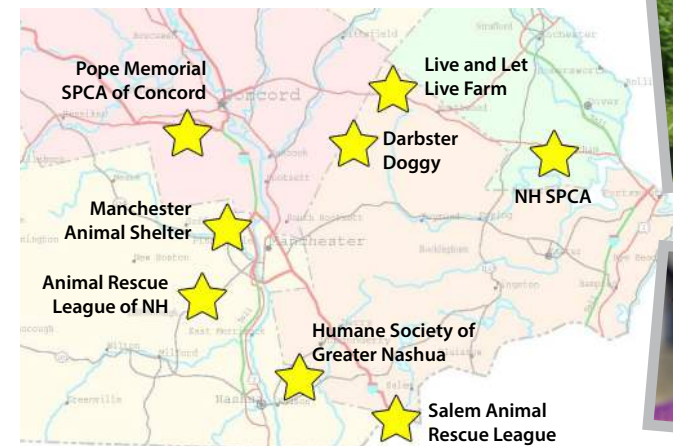
Turn over for help finding the perfect dog!



WHERE TO FIND THE PERFECT DOG

Those who adopt will tell you that **nothing is more rewarding than rescuing a homeless dog**. Why not make a project out of visiting animal shelters, rescues, and sanctuaries to find the "perfect" dog?

Nearby animal shelters and rescues



More shelters and rescues (not a complete list)

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| Animal Rescue Network of New England | New Hampshire Humane Society |
| Cocker Spaniels Rescue of New England | Monadnock Humane Society |
| Darbster Rescue | Peace and Paws Dog Rescue |
| Fast Friends Greyhound Adoption | Pug Rescue of New England |
| Franklin Animal Shelter | Rescue Me! (rescueme.org) |
| Greater Derry Humane Society | Rottweiler & Pitbull Rescue of NH |
| Labrador Retriever Rescue | Sato Heart Rescue |
| Lakes Region Humane Society | Second Chance Boxer Rescue |
| Live Free Animal Rescue | Upper Valley Humane Society |
| New Hampshire Great Dane Rescue | Weare Animal Guardians |