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What happens to these dogs?

- Adult breeding dogs are subjected to immeasurable cruelty, forced to breed at every heat cycle, existing their entire lives in cramped wire cages.
- They are often kept in cold, dark conditions or hot, unventilated conditions with no opportunity to develop normally or healthily.
- Many cannot fully stand or walk due to a lifetime of confinement.
- Many are infected with parasites such as mange and other infectious diseases, which are often passed onto their pups.
- They rarely, if ever, receive veterinary care.
- When the breeding dogs' fertility wanes, they are routinely killed, or abandoned. Some lucky ones are sold to rescue groups.
- They never receive any human social interaction.
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We Can Help End the Suffering

How can we Help?

- Consumers unknowingly support the puppy mill industry by purchasing pets through these channels:
- The Internet ~ Pet Stores ~ Puppy Mill Farms ~ Newspaper Ads
- The only way to stop the cruel cycle of abuse that exists in puppy mills is to stop supporting them.

Where can you find a Canine Companion?

- Do not mistakenly believe that you must go to a breeder in order to get a purebred, or a 'good' dog. An estimated 25% of shelter and/or rescue dogs are purebred, who end up there for a variety of reasons. You can also contact breed specific rescues if you have a specific breed in mind.
- Choose your source very carefully. Seek advice from local rescue organizations. For a list of rescues in your area: Canadaguidetodogs.com/rescue.htm is an excellent starting point.
- Not all rescue organizations are created equal. Do your homework and research the rescue group of your choice. Call your local Humane Society and/or other local rescue organizations for reference checks.
- Finding the right canine companion takes time and effort. By researching the many shelters/rescue groups, you can help put an end to the inhumane cruelty that currently exists in the puppy mill industry that places profit and greed above animal welfare.

Please adopt a dog

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