



Companion Animal Protection Society

Please let me introduce our organization, Companion Animal Protection Society. We are the only national non-profit dedicated exclusively to protecting companion animals in pet shops and puppy mills. Our West Hollywood California ordinance banning the sale of pet shop puppies and kittens received worldwide media coverage and was the genesis for the now growing ordinance movement in both the United States and Canada. There are ordinances banning the sale of pet shop puppies and kittens in 35 cities. Los Angeles being the biggest city so far. And just last month, Highland Park Illinois passed an ordinance prohibiting puppy mill puppies to be sold in pet stores.

Villa Park worked with us in 2012 and passed an ordinance not allowing a pet shop to open unless the building was owned or leased for at least one year. They also banned the sale of cats and dogs at flea markets, farmers markets, and parking lots. Jim's Pet World, the only pet store in their town closed after the ordinance was passed.

We initially approached the village to adopt the ordinance that Villa Park has passed, prohibiting a pet store from opening unless it has owned or leased the building for one year. We are hearing rumors that a pet shop wants to open in Yorktown selling puppies from puppy mills. There are only 6 pet shops in Dupage County that sell puppy mill puppies.

Since there is already a pet store, Happiness is Pets, in Lombard, the puppy millers feel it will be no problem to open up shop in the same town. Pet stores follow pet stores

While we certainly do not want to see Happiness is Pets "grandfathered" in, perhaps we could work together with suggestions on regulating this pet store. For example; pet stores may offer dogs and cats from licensed 501C non-profit shelters only. Petco, Petsmart, and Pet Supplies Plus already practice this. They all used to sell puppy mill puppies, but they went humane years ago. Or as someone on the committee suggested at the last meeting, maybe regulate cage sizes. There must be something we can do to stop the abuse and fraud in our town.

In 2010, in Illinois alone, over 9565 dogs and 15,796 cats were euthanized. These figures are from only 6 kill shelters. We put down one dog every 10 seconds in the United States. There are over 180,000 dogs up for adoption in Illinois right now on petfinder.com. 25 percent of the dogs up for adoption are pure breeds.

I have enclosed information about Happiness is Pets so you can see the sad truth. We would like to thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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The Sale of Dogs for Profit Prohibited in Highland Park



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After months of deliberation and fact finding, Highland Park City Council has approved a text amendment to the city's zoning code. The omnibus vote came on October 28th with the Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 150, Article II of the "City of Highland Park Zoning Ordinance of 1997," as Amended, Regarding the Definition of "Kennel". "This is a huge win for my great little city", said Dawn LoCascio. "I am told that in addition to the text amendment change that limits kennels from large-scale breeding, pet stores are prohibited from selling dogs and cats by Special Use Permit in the City of HP."

Companion Animal Protection Society reports that Villa Park City Council passed an ordinance in October 2012 banning pet shops that haven't leased or owned a retail store for at least one year from selling puppies and kittens. Being a non-home rule town, they couldn't do an outright ban. However, the only remaining pet shop in the town no longer sells dogs.

Dawn LoCascio, a Highland Park resident and animal advocate first brought this issue to City Council at a February 25th meeting of the whole and petitioned the council to use it's home-rule powers to enact a ban on the sale of dogs and cats. Mayor Rotering directed LoCascio at that

meeting that the ordinance of animal sales cannot be discussed this evening, as this is an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit. "I was not going to give up", states LoCascio. "I followed up for months providing ordinance language and examples of other cities across the US that have successfully prohibited the sale of companion animals. Reputable breeders don't sell their dogs to pet stores, so where do people think the pet stores get their dogs. The answer is from puppy mills."

Animal lovers are learning more and more about puppy mills through education and awareness programs like The Puppy Mill Project. According to The Puppy Mill Project, puppy mills in America are cruel, inhumane breeding facilities that breed solely for profit. There is little to no concern for the health and well being of the animals. Puppies are often born with severe health, behavioral and socialization issues. Breeding dogs are neglected, starved and left sick and injured without medical care or relief from overwhelming pain.

LoCascio first learned about puppy mills when she adopted her boxer Macie Beans from Boxer Rebound. Prairieland Anti Cruelty in Champaign, IL received Macie Beans as an owner relinquish from an Amish puppy mill in April of 2011, and from there she was brought to Boxer Rebound. At Prairieland she was simply known as breeding female, boxer, black. It is estimated that Macie produced 60 to 80 pups in her five years as a breeding dog . Today, Macie Beans is thriving and LoCascio remains committed to putting an end to puppy mills.

CITIES THAT HAVE BANNED THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN PET STORES:

Petsmart and Petco stopped selling dogs and cats many years ago.

Jack's Pets – This was one of the largest pet store chains in the Midwest.

70 Malls – Macerich, a Unites States Developer banned the sale of cats and dogs in all of his malls across the US.

Petland in ALL of Canada has stopped selling dogs and cats in their stores.

Puppy mills have been banned in all of Ireland.

Toronto, Canada

Los Angeles, California

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Chula Vista, California

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Parkland, Florida

Austin, Texas

Hallandale Beach, Florida

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Press Release

Class Action Lawsuit Filed against Happiness is Pets
*Customers take legal action with the help of CAPS, which continues
to protest HIP stores and collect consumer complaints*

CHICAGO, Ill. – A class action lawsuit was filed against Chicago area-based Happiness is Pets (HIP) on Valentine's Day. The story is unfolding quickly as more customers have come forward with complaints of sick puppies since the first cases of distemper were reported last month. With the help of the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS), six unsatisfied customers, so far, have decided to seek legal action against HIP's and store owner Ron Berning's deceptive and fraudulent practices.

The puppies sold at all five of the Happiness is Pets stores come from Midwest puppy mills - commercial breeding establishments that mass-produce puppies for resale to pet shops. CAPS has investigated some of these substandard USDA-licensed facilities before and the majority engaged in inhumane practices that violated Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations.

These puppies receive inadequate or sometimes no veterinary care, and typically live in filthy crowded cages with often dirty or insufficient water. Mothers are bred at every heat cycle. These puppies can carry a host of health problems that range from genetic ailments - due to inbreeding and poor screening of parents - to more severe and easily preventable viral diseases, like canine distemper.

The lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, Jane Clifford, claims the puppy she purchased from the HIP store in Arlington Heights showed signs of illness right away. Just one month after her purchase, the sick puppy required emergency room medical care. The dog was diagnosed with kennel cough, urinary tract infection, ear infection, breathing problems and general malaise. HIP typically buys directly from breeders (USDA "A" license) or brokers (USDA "B" license) who also breed and then transports them in their own truck to the stores. In this instance, HIP bought directly from a facility in Iowa that just brokers puppies.

Clifford's paperwork had the breeder's name but only the USDA license number and a post office box address for the broker. She was confused by this information and erroneously thought the broker had bred her puppy.

CAPS examined her paperwork and explained the information. The October 2011 USDA inspection report for the Iowa breeder, who had 81 adults and 47 puppies, had three pages of violations. The inspection report cited a Pug with green crusty material around the eyes and Dog #163 with a mass the size of a baseball in the area of the right mammary gland.

The puppy belonging to plaintiff Stephanie Castillo was diagnosed with microvascular dysplasia, a disease passed on from one or both parents. According to the paperwork given to her by the HIP in Oak Lawn (now closed), the Iowa breeder, who had 90 adult dogs and 124 puppies at her USDA inspection in May 2011, was the same breeder linked to at least one of the distemper cases.

Bryan Phillips - who initially took his story to the media and was featured in several local news segments - bought his puppy at the Naperville store and has repeatedly spent thousands of dollars in veterinary care. Berning claimed that it was "an extremely isolated incident" and in turn blamed the outbreak on "a potential customer's own dog. Puppies get distemper because they don't have passive immunity from their mothers. They are not safe from viral diseases, such as distemper until they receive the entire series of vaccinations. This means that the breeders supplying puppies to HIP are not properly vaccinating the mother dogs. Phillip's dog came from the same breeder in Iowa that supplied Castillo's puppy.

The stores purposely provide little information about the breeders and brokers, even to paying customers like Jessica Kernan - another plaintiff in the lawsuit. HIP in Arlington Heights refused to give Jessica any additional facts, even though she demanded more information about the breeder several times after her puppy was diagnosed with kennel cough and loss of appetite. The Iowa breeder for Kernan's puppy had 110 adults and 24 puppies at the USDA inspection in October 2011. The June 2010 inspection report for this breeder stated that the feed pans had wet rain soaked feed with standing water in the receptacles.

Lisett Dzielglio and Mark Jillich purchased their puppy at the Naperville store. Within days, the puppy started showing pneumonia symptoms and was subsequently diagnosed with distemper. The June 2011 USDA inspection report for their puppy's Missouri breeder, who had 93 adults and 30 puppies, had four pages of violations, including a Rottweiler with a swollen ear flap that was the size of a ping pong ball that that the licensee was unaware of and for which he had not consulted a veterinarian.

The plaintiffs are represented by the Clinton Law Firm in Chicago and seek a jury trial. It is important that any other person or persons in a similar situation come forward with their story. "We seek relief for all persons who were misled by Happiness is Pets as to the true health and breeding history of its puppies. This is the essence of the lawsuit," said attorney Stephanie A. Capps. We encourage anyone who has purchased a sick puppy from Happiness is Pets to first fill out the CAPS online complaint form at www.caps-web.org and to then call The Clinton Law Firm at 312-357-1515 or email attorney Stephanie Capps at [sacapps@yahoo.com](mailto:sacapps@yaho.com).

Founded by President Deborah Howard in 1992, the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS) is the *only* national nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to protecting companion animals from cruelty in pet shops and puppy mills. CAPS actively addresses the abuse and suffering of pet shop and puppy mill dogs through investigations, education, media relations, legislative involvement, puppy mill dog rescues, consumer assistance and pet industry employee relations.

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Puppies Infected with Distemper Linked to Two Pet Stores in Illinois

The HSUS Warns Public About Potential Disease Outbreak Stemming from Naperville and Downers Grove Locations of Happiness is Pets

The Humane Society of the United States has received confirmation of two cases of canine distemper in puppies recently purchased from a pet store chain in the greater Chicago area. The HSUS urges consumers who have recently handled or bought puppies from the Happiness is Pets Naperville or Downers Grove stores in the past two months to be vigilant for any sign of illness in their dogs. If a health concern arises, a veterinarian should be immediately consulted and told about possible exposure to the virus.

"Canine distemper is potentially deadly and is highly contagious to other dogs," said Kristen Strawbridge, The HSUS's Illinois state director. "We need to get the word out to the pet-loving public who may be inadvertently exposing their pets to this virus by coming in contact with one of these puppies at a dog park or handling or buying a puppy from the Happiness is Pets Naperville or Downers Grove stores."

One of the puppies confirmed to have distemper was purchased in December and is still recovering under a veterinarian's care. The second was purchased in early January and has since died. Caseworkers with The HSUS' Puppy Mills Campaign are in the process of reviewing additional unconfirmed reports regarding sick puppies purchased from Happiness is Pets.

The HSUS urges anyone who has recently purchased a sick puppy from a pet store, or whose dog has been exposed to such a puppy, to inspect your dog for any signs of illness. Signs of Canine Distemper may include fever, loss of appetite, eye and nasal discharge, or respiratory distress and diarrhea. Consumers who have bought sick puppies from pet stores may report the problem to the IL state Department of Agriculture as well as to The HSUS [here](#).

Update: The HSUS has received new reports of puppies sold at five different locations of Happiness is Pets that have been sickened or killed by the canine distemper virus, bringing The HSUS' tally to 10 puppies affected in this outbreak.

Background:

- Unfortunately, if the outbreak is linked to puppy mill sources, it would not be the first Distemper outbreak of its kind. Poor veterinary care standards at puppy mills that sell to pet stores may be to blame.
- For example, in December 2010, the Associated Press reported that approximately 1,200 dogs at a puppy mill in Kansas were euthanized by state authorities after puppies who had been shipped from the facility to pet stores in Wyoming tested positive for Distemper. The owner of that facility, Jeff Fortin, had a history of documented [Animal Welfare Act](#) violations for unsanitary conditions and inadequate veterinary care.

- The HSUS recommends never purchasing a puppy from a pet store because many of them come from puppy mills, where sanitation problems and disease outbreaks are common.
- The HSUS urges people who want to get a puppy to consider adopting from a shelter or rescue group first. If deciding to buy from a breeder, potential buyers should always visit the breeder in person to see that the dogs are treated humanely and ensure the puppies and their parents are living in spacious, clean areas. For more information, see www.humanesociety.org/puppy

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After speaking to almost 200 people last year, here are the diseases the dogs were sold with:

Pneumonia, Liver Shunts, Hip Dysplasia, Perthes Disease, Distemper, Mouth Cancer, Tumors, Microvascular Dysplasia, Kennel Cough, Blindness, Umbilical Hernia, Urinary Tract Infections, Giardia, Behavior Issues, Wrong Breeds, Bacterial Infections, Mange, Skin Problems, Pelvic Bladder, Digestive Problems, Head Seizures, Hip Problems, Encephalitis, Yeast Infections, Luxating Patellas, Allergies, Thyroid Problems, Aural Atresia, ACL Surgeries, Cherry Eyes, etc.

A few people bought a dog during the distemper outbreak and when they brought the puppy home, the dog they already had caught distemper and died.

This is an ongoing issue, we receive complaints almost weekly.

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Hello my name is Molly Bina.

I am nineteen years old and worked at Happiness is Pets in the Naperville location at two separate time periods, November 2010 to February 2011 then from November 2011 to August 2012. I was let go the first time due to the store not having enough hours to give me. I left on my own accord the second time due to the discovery of what the company I worked for really was. I was a kennel technician and during the summer of 2012 I was managing the store occasionally, which included selling the puppies, closing the store, working as the manager, and overseeing the Kennel Techs.

During my time there I witnessed many horrible things. I worked under Christian Berning who was the assistant manager at the time. My general manager who is still a dear friend of mine was Shelly Castleton. Please do not contact her or bring her into this case, she has left the company for good under similar reasons as mine. The case of distemper with the dasuchand come to be in December 2012. We received phone calls and text messages from friends and family about seeing our store on the news and in the newspaper about the doxie's family wanting to bring the company to court. The same "batch" of puppies that were around the Doxie at the time magically vanished one day. I remember personally handling and taking care of the Doxie while it was at happiness.

I was closing one night and all of the Berning brothers and their wives were in the store which was extremely odd. Kelly, Chris Berning's wife, had hinted to me that something was going to happen. When I came into work the next morning every single puppy in the store, estimated around 30-40 puppies, were gone. We had brand new puppies for sale. Nowhere near 30-40, though. I was told they came from Arlington, Downers Grove, and the Lombard stores. I was interested in purchasing a black pug puppy from this batch of puppies and became intensely worried of his whereabouts when I came into work the next morning, along with all the other dogs that were gone. Chris informed me they were sent to a veterinarian in Tinley Park but did not give me the name or contact information so I could get in touch with the office. Instead, he said he'd call for me and find out if my pug was still there. I was told he was adopted. I became suspicious that out of 30-40 puppies, my pug was adopted the very next morning. We were told all the puppies were taken because of an outbreak in kennel cough and the entire store had to be

disinfected.

I remember the protests, but they typically happened on weekends and I worked monday-friday 3-9 every single week. I was told stories of my manager flipping off the protestors and saying that they were "animal obsessed lunatics" who believe in "Kill the human, save the dog." We were told to say certain things to customers who asked about the distemper case but I don't recall at the time what exactly they were.

As with most business's, we were to lie to get a sale. "No, cocker spaniels don't need to be groomed. Yes, Lab's don't shed. No, your puppy won't teethe." Anything to get a sale. I was once scolded by my boss for informing a customer that this certain king charles cavalier doesn't get along with other dogs. I was simply telling the customer the truth to avoid any problems once they brought the puppy home. We were not to take back any puppies after they were sold unless the dog had serious health reasons or allergies. We were also not supposed to tell the customers that they could return the dog because of allergies, for i was scolded once for this as well.

Dogs were marked down in price based upon their age. The lowest a dog would go would be about \$98. These dogs were sold based off of pity. Typically a dog would get to \$298 or \$198 before it was sold if no one really wanted it. We had a doberman that no one wanted because its ears weren't cropped that overgrew its cage to the point where we had to transfer it store to store because people witnessed how uncomfortable he was.

I was told that our store had faulty heating and cooling systems, but chris finally confided in me that his father was just cheap. In the winter small dogs such as chihuahuas would shiver. We were not allowed to put any bedding in their cages and were told that it could pose a health risk if they shredded it. In the summer long haired dogs such as shih tzus would overheat and we were forced to spray them (along with ourselves) in spray bottles filled with water or dunk them in sinks of water to cool them down.

During the protests, we installed security cameras in every store of the back door. Apparently someone tried to break into the stores. They never received proof that this happened but the security cameras are still there and constantly running.

Every monday we would receive "shipments" of puppies. these dogs would come in a unmarked white van at the mobile gas station parking lot next to the store. Different men would come with the

dogs, but occasionally my boss chris would deliver them. They were overcrowded into small cages with no water. The back of the van had no AC or Heat. The entire back stunk like urine and feces. The dogs were extremely dirty and had urine stains and tear stains in their faces. We were given puppies two to three at a time and assembly line them into the store for an immediate bath. We had to sign a sheet after taking the puppies. Many of the puppies we received already had health problems. They all had bands around their necks that indicated the breeder they were from, their ID, their Breed, their birthday, and their gender. Many of these dogs with thick necks such as bulldogs had overgrown their bands and had skin folding over it or red marks where the band was pressing into their skin. Other small dogs such as chihuahuas and Pomeranians had too small of necks so their bands were sometimes stuck around one leg or stuck in their mouth. Some of the many health problems these puppies came in included ruptured hernias (sometimes they were already sewn and fixed, other times they were freshly ruptured) luxating patellas, mites, ticks, fleas, heart worm, cataracts, cherry eyes in boston terrier's and pug's, and many behavioral issues.

These behavioral issues included anxiety, stress, aggression, and fright. It took about 4 days of coaxing and attention to fully make the dogs appear to be a happy puppy. They spent their first day sleeping, and the next few days shaking over sounds, movements, or being taken out of the cage. We were told to tell customers it was because they "missed their mommies."

We received many puppies from Levi Graber. I met him once because he dropped off a few puppies at the Naperville location a very hot day in July. The puppies were in an un air conditioned part of the van without water. I mistakenly questioned Levi about their conditions and was reprimanded for it.

We had a few vets that would come in after we got our puppies. One vet who was the most common assembly line checked the puppies, and more times then I can count missed many major health problems. He would check each puppy for about 10 seconds. That was the "health guarantee " happiness told their clients. The only two vets I remember that checked the puppies were Dr. Baumgartner and Dr. Chestnut. I only remember them because they actually cared for the dogs. The main vet that came did not. They all came from Naperville Animal Hospital. Any puppy at the store that was sick was to be sent to NAH as well, as we affiliated with them.

Many of the small breed dogs we received had eating problems. We gave them a supplement called Nutrical through a syringe twice a day if they refused to eat. They were put on a "picky eaters list." A few dogs I had to syringe feed them wet food because they refused to eat. This affected Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers and Pomeranians the most. They often died (I can recall six or seven dogs dying at the store while I worked there. Most of the puppies that refused to eat were "back to breeder dogs." This meant they were to stay in the back room until they were to be picked up and sent back to the breeder.

When a dog appeared to be sick, we were to "neb" them. This entailed sticking them in a kennel in a garbage bag and essentially suffocate them with a steam of a nebulizer for 30 minutes, which was the liquid found inside a IV bag. We also gave every puppy three liquid medications, whether they were sick or not. They were yellow, white and brown. Ammox, Doxy, and The third one I cannot remember the name of. I was also unlicensed to give microchips and vaccinations but was to do it anyway. I gave DA2 and CPV shots. Many of the little dogs vomited after giving the CPV.

Many of my time working there was a blur and I have blocked out of my memory because of shame. I quit Happiness right after coming back from Vacation in August 2012. I am currently a dog groomer and own a rescue Guinea Pig, rescue Tortoise and two rescue dogs. I help coordinate adoption agencies and rescue groups to come to the Naperville Petco. I volunteered at both the Naperville Humane Society and ADOPT. I am immensely ashamed and guilty that I worked at such an evil company for so long and would be honored to testify any and all information of events and treatment of puppies while I worked there. It is hard to recall all that happened but I will try my absolute best to answer any questions. At the time working there two good friends of mine were also Kennel Techs. They do not want their names in the case. But they are helping refresh my memory about my time there. I currently associate with someone who still works at the Naperville store who manages there a few nights a week. We are good friends and he would openly let me into the store and even into the back room along with the area where the puppies are kept, no questions asked. I will not disclose any information to him regarding my involvement in the case.

Let me know if you have any questions about the information I have told. Everything in this email is the entire truth and are told to the best of my knowledge and memory of the incidents. I am willing to testify in a court of law that all of this information is true.

From: Brianna Hayden [mailto:brihayden@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 12:54 PM
To: support@caps-web.org
Subject: Complaint form from Brianna Hayden

About the Customer:

First Name: Brianna
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Your Phone: 8153700748
Address Line 1: 133 Old Farm Mid. Court
Address Line 2:
City: Bradley
State or Province: Illinois
Zip or Postal Code: 60915
Country: United States
How should we contact you?: E-mailPhone

About the Shop:

Shop Name : Happiness Is Pets
Shop Address Line 1: 15647 94th Ave
Shop Address Line 2:
Shop City: Orland Park
Shop State or Province: Illinois
Shop Zip or Postal Code: 60462
Shop Country: United States
Name of shop country if other?:
Shop Website: <http://www.happinessispets.com/>
Shop Email Address:

About the Breeder:

Breed: Maltese Pomeranian
Sex: Male
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): 2013/05/24
Date of Purchase (yyyy/mm/dd): 2013/07/02
Date of Death (if applicable - yyyy/mm/dd):
Price (if known): 1,300
Breeder: Laura/Lavern Eicher
Broker:
Registry:

The Situation:

Diseases and Illnesses: Possible Glucose Storage Disease, upper respiratory infection, anemic, hypoglycemic

When did illnesses begin and end?: Begin first day of purchase and still existing. This has been one of the hardest weeks in my life, friends please read & share. Often when visiting Orland Park, IL I stop by a pet shop called "Happiness is Pets", if you know me I love animals especially dogs. Last Tuesday, I went into this pet shop & fell in love with a tiny "Shih Tzu Pomeranian", he was so sweet and adorable. My husband and I are newly weds and decided to purchase him, it was the start to our new family. My new baby, Sully, was 10 weeks old and a whopping 1 lb. He was a hefty investment financially, but I had been wanting a dog for so long, we caved. I was given Sully's paper, saying he had no medical issues and was ready to go, we are so happy. That night I noticed Sully had a snotty nose, with bubbles producing, I guessed it was a tiny cold. The next day, my poor pup was tired and I researched that it could be due to the big move, in the middle of the night I was waking up to tiny yelps and decided I would take Sully to the vet in the morning to make sure he was O.K. That morning disaster hit, Sully could barely move, he had urine all over himself, I was crying rushing him to the vet when he then started seizing. The vet rushed him to the back & as she closed the door I overheard them asking where we got him, she replied in a sarcastic tone "Our favorite place, Happiness is Pets". She came back in to explain to me this chain that has been "family owned and running" had many ill "puppy mill puppies". Sully wasn't healthy like his papers said, 1) He had an infection 2) He was anemic 3) He was the runt of his litter 4) He WASN'T even the breed they had him listed as, he was a Pomeranian Maltese, which meant he was prone to other diseases and disorders I hadn't even prepped myself for, he wasn't going to be the 12 lb size they told me, but rather 4 lbs, if he was lucky. It may sound cute to have such a tiny dog, but a lot of health risks happen with such small dogs. Sully went into hypoglycemia, his glucose was so low that had I waited 30 minutes later, he would've died. The pet store told me with his size to feed him only once or twice a day because his stomach would be upset, they couldn't have been more wrong...with him being anemic and a baby he needs 4-6 small meals a day. After a 9 hour day at the local animal hospital, they told me Sully would probably not make it through the night. Terrified, exhausted, we rushed Sully an hour and half to the U of I, I was vomiting I was so exhausted and didn't get home until midnight, Sully had to stay there over night. The next day we received a phone call to pick up Sully and that he was fine and stable again, we were so relieved. For the next two days my husband and I took full time shifts watching him and feeding him every two hours. I angrily called the owner of "Happiness is Pets" and all he said was "If your puppy dies, I can get you another one, but no refund". Another puppy? Sully was an individual, I chose him because I felt a connection to him. I slept a total of 9 hours in three days, missed work, skipped meals to help him, he was my baby. It seemed as if Sully was finally in the clear, playing and so energetic, I was crying tears of joy. Then this morning, DAY 6 of owning Sully, while at work my husband calls saying Sully was consistently vomiting. My husband had to call off work and rush Sully once again to the ER, when we went back hours later, Sully was even skinnier before, he looked so bad, we were told Sully might have a rare disease called Glucose Storage Disease, which was due to IMPROPER breeding-even though "Happiness is Pets" claimed to have certified breeders, this disease has no fix, basically Sully would have to be euthanized within a couple weeks or

only have a possibility of living a suffering life only up to a year. I searched for hours to find the breeders number, the breeder was ignorant, telling me that they couldn't confirm or deny that Sully was not a Shih Tzu or Maltese, even though they remembered which puppy he was because he was so tiny, TOO tiny and also that his mother suffers from hypoglycemia (SO WHY! IS SHE BREEDING?). The vet said we wouldn't be selfish to put Sully down, he is lethargic, prone to seizures and was abnormal. Tonight we chose to have Sully stay with a vet who volunteered to watch him over night, since he needs to be eating every two hours throughout the night--which he is so weak, he doesn't want to eat. This is our last hope, we were told he may not make it through the night, even if he does we have to most likely put him down. He has been our less than ONE week. Someone asked me why I cared about a dog I only knew for a few days, this dog has been like my child, he was my newborn. I mothered him through pain, no sleep, through panic and tears. I have slept next to him, held him in his pain, tried to comfort him, feed him by hand, provide him with proper care. I love him. In a few days I have spent over 1,300\$ in vet fees, but the money isn't the importance of that matter. Sully became a part of my tiny family, I got 6 days of loving him and half that time he was sick and hospitalized. I had anxiety constantly and kept telling myself, it's worth it...he will be ok...but I'm here and I was told my baby could die at anytime. I fell into the trap of puppy stores, most puppy stores get their dogs from puppy mills. I found out Sully's breeders own over 50 adult dogs and not including the puppies they have which they can't even remember or confirm the breeds.

Hereditary Defects?: Possibly Glucose Storage Disease caused from hereditary problems with father, hypoglycemia issues in mother, was told wrong bred at pet store causing problems with diagnosis, anemic, runt of the litter

Did the pet shop or kennel recommend this vet?: No
Veterinary expenses to date: 1,300

How did you hear about this pet shop, kennel or online merchant?: Saw when driving by

Enter Description Here: No blankets in cages, no food, a lot animals seem tired and surrounded by feces

Was this an online purchase?: No

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HAPPINESS IS PETS BREEDERS

**INSPECTION REPORTS AND PICTURES OF
THE PUPPY MILLS**

STEVE KRUSE – STONEHEDGE KENNELS IOWA
THIS FACILITY HOUSES OVER 1000 DOGS
THE USDA FOUND NO VIOLATIONS
HAPPINESS IS PETS MAIN SUPPLIER OF PUPPIES





Inspection Report

STEVE KRUSE

Customer ID: 9245

Certificate: 42-B-0182

Site: 001

STEVE KRUSE

STONEHENGE KENNEL

2345 HWY 16

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Feb-22-2012

WEST POINT, IA 52656

This inspection and exit briefing conducted with the owner.

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

End of report.

895 DOGS
263 PUPPIES

OVER 1000 DOGS AND
NO VIOLATIONS ???

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MARTY & KEELEE GADIENT PUPPY MILL



Photographer: Chad Moore **Legal Name:** KEELEE GADIENT
Photo Taken: Tue, Aug 24, '13 **Registration:** 42-A-0787
 Approximately 2:00
Inspector: 126191652230100
Description: Feces and urine smeared on back wall of dog enclosure at Buchanan Street location.



Photographer: D Watkins **Legal Name:** KEELEE GADIENT
Photo Taken: Tue, May 4, '10 **Registration:** 42-A-0787
 Afternoon
Inspector: 125191823142322
Description: Accumulation of dirt and green on primary enclosures at Buchanan Kerne



Photographer: D Watkins **Legal Name:** KEELEE GADIENT
Photo Taken: Tue, May 4, '10 **Registration:** 42-A-0787
 Afternoon
Inspector: 125191823142322
Description: Puppy feet passing through wire with too large a mesh for size of paws.



Photographer: Chad Moore **Legal Name:** KEELEE GADIENT
Photo Taken: Tue, Aug 24, '13 **Registration:** 42-A-0787
 Approximately 2:00
Inspector: 126191652230100
Description: Excessive feces outdoor run at Goose Hill facility



Inspection Report

KEELEE GADIENT
MARTY GADIENT

Customer ID: 6872
Certificate: 42-A-0707
Site: 001
MARTY AND KEELEE GADIENT

GADIENT KENNELS
612 BUCHANAN

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Aug-24-2010

CASCADE, IA 52033

2.40 (b) (2) REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

1. The intact male golden retriever had excessive amounts of brown and black discharge coming from its right ear. The animal was housed in an outdoor run with three female golden retrievers. Additionally, the animal had matted fur directly below its right ear. This animal's condition, if left untreated, could progress into something more serious.

2. The neutered male golden retriever had matted fur over majority of its back. The animal was housed with a female Basset hound beagle cross. Excessive fur matting can lead to skin lesions.

Contact the facility's attending veterinarian within 24 hours regarding these animals' conditions. Follow any instructions and/or prescribed treatments to promote animal health.

3.1 (c) (3) REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(3) Cleaning: Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with Sec. 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of excreta and reduce disease hazards. All other surfaces of housing facilities must be cleaned and sanitized when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices.

There were excessive amounts of feces and grime smeared on the back walls of seven enclosures (containing approximately 5 adult females and 26 puppies) at the Buchanan facility location. Additionally, excessive amounts of feces were present along the back walls where the walls meet the wire floor. Feces can serve as a reservoir for disease causing hazards that affect animals.

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Clean and sanitize the affected surfaces and repeat daily to promote animal health.

3.2 (c) INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES

(c) Lighting. Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats must be lighted well enough to permit routine inspection and cleaning of the facility, and observation of the dogs and cats... Lighting must be uniformly diffused throughout animal facilities and provide sufficient illumination to aid in maintaining good housekeeping practices, adequate cleaning, adequate inspection of animals, and for the well-being of the animals.

Five fluorescent lights were not working in the indoor building containing dogs at the Goose Hill facility location. The lack of lighting makes it difficult to observe the dogs, clean the facility/enclosures, and to perform other housekeeping practices.

Repair and/or replace the affected lights facilitate good husbandry practices.

To be corrected: 8-31-10

**3.11 (a)
CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.**

(a) Cleaning of primary enclosures. Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily... to prevent an excessive accumulation of feces and food waste, to prevent soiling of the dogs contained in the primary enclosures, and to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests and odors.

The six outdoor dogs runs (including outdoor buildings) containing 16 dogs were littered with feces, dog hair, old straw particles, and food wastes. The outdoor runs had numerous piles of feces throughout them. The floors of the outdoor buildings were particularly filthy. Each of the concrete floors in these buildings were partially to fully covered with a layer of feces and dog hair. Several piles of old (white in color) feces were also present on the floors of each of these buildings. Approximately 3 to 4 inches of feces, straw particles, and dog hair covered the floors of the wooden dog house structures in 2 of the outdoor buildings (1 containing 3 Siberian huskies, and 1 containing 1 standard poodle, 1 Siberian husky, and 1 golden retriever). Feces can serve as a reservoir for disease causing hazards that affect animals.

Thoroughly clean the outdoor runs and buildings and repeat daily as prescribed to promote animal health.

To be corrected: 8-31-10

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**3.11 (d) REPEAT
CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.**

(d) Pest control. An effective program for the control of insects, external parasites affecting dogs and cats, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

Mouse feces littered the ledges of the outdoor buildings that are used as shelters for the dogs at the Goose Hill facility location. Additionally, swarms of flies were present on the accumulating feces of the outdoor dog runs, inside of the outdoor buildings where the dogs were fed, and all over the outdoor buildings themselves. The facility does not currently have an effective pest control program to control the fly and mouse populations. Mice and flies can carry many disease causing hazards that affect animals.

Establish, implement, and maintain an effective program to control the mouse and fly population to promote animal health.

**3.12 REPEAT
EMPLOYEES.**

Each person subject to the Animal Welfare regulations (9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3) maintaining dogs and cats must

have enough employees to carry out the level of husbandry practices and care required in this subpart. The employees who provide for husbandry and care, or handle animals, must be supervised by an individual who has the knowledge, background, and experience in proper husbandry and care of dogs and cats to supervise others. The employer must be certain that the supervisor and other employees can perform to these standards.

Only the owner is caring for the 221 adult dogs and 58 puppies at both facility locations. It is apparent with the number of violations and repeat violations documented on this and other reports, that the number of employees is insufficient to properly care for all the medical and husbandry needs of these animals. The number of animals at the facility need to be reduced and/or additional employees need to be hired.

Note: Chad Moore, ACI, USDA, APHIS, AC, Najean Davis, VMO, USDA, APHIS, AC and Dick Watkins USDA, APHIS, AC conducted the inspection with the undersigned facility owner on 8-24-10. The inspection exit interview was conducted with the undersigned facility owner on 8-25-10.

**221 DOGS
58 PUPPIES**

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LEROY & GERTRUDE KRUSE PUPPY MILL



CFR 31 (b) (3) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)

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 Photo Taken: Mon. Aug 30, '10 P.M.
 Inspection: 242101541430001
 Description: 3.1 (c)(1)(i) Housing General Surfaces: Rusted surfaces unable to properly clean and/or affects structural strength. 3.1 (c)(1)(ii) Food and water receptacles have sharp edges. FOIA11-28200735



CFR 31 (b) (3) (i) (ii)

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 Photo Taken: Mon. Aug 30, '10 P.M.
 Inspection: 242101541430001
 Description: 3.1 (b) Condition & Site: Facility needs to be cleaned to remove clutter, dirt, hair, grime. 3.1(f) Waste disposal: Buckets used to collect waste from washouts. FOIA11-28200735



CFR 31 (b) (3) (i)

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 Inspection: 242101541430001
 Description: 2.40 (b)(2) Veterinary Care: Dog with bad eyes and dog with no teeth. FOIA11-28200722



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GERTRUDE KRUSE
LEROY KRUSE

Customer ID: 5269
Certificate: 42-A-0181
Site: 001
LEROY & GERTRUDE KRUSE

KRUSE KENNEL
3389 HICKORY AVE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Oct-18-2011

SALEM, IA 52649

2.40 (b) (2)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care:

** One Yorkie micro-chip #086-275-293 was observed with its tongue hanging out on the right side of the mouth and excessive salivation. Looking into the mouth revealed missing teeth and the remaining canine and cheek teeth had a yellow-brown build up on the teeth. The dog was in good body condition and was observed eating. The dog needs to be evaluated by the attending veterinarian (1 week) to determine if treatment is necessary. The owner with the attending veterinarian needs to develop a dental treatment and prevention plan for the kennel to prevent dental problems with the dogs in the kennel and to contribute to the health and well-being of the animals. To be corrected by: 10-25-11.

3.1 (b)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(b) Condition and site. Housing facilities and areas used for storing animal food or bedding must be free of any accumulation of trash, waste material, junk, weeds, and other discarded materials. Animal areas inside of housing facilities must be kept neat and free of clutter, including equipment, furniture, and stored material, but may contain materials actually used and necessary for cleaning the area, and fixtures or equipment necessary for proper husbandry practices and research needs.

** One table in the kennel was full of bottles, containers, and other materials that were covered in dirt, and spider webs. This does not demonstrate proper husbandry practices. Dirty equipment can transfer disease hazards to the animals. The owner needs to remove the material that are not used in the kennel and the other material cleaned and stored in a neat manner to demonstrate proper husbandry practices and to contribute to the health and well-being of the animals. To be corrected by: 11-01-11.

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3.1 (c) (1) (i)

REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(i) Be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, or that affects the structural strength of the surface;

** No fewer than 6 enclosures are made of bare wire, the enclosures made of coated wire have metal front gates and one enclosure had a piece of tin in the back of the enclosure. The metal surfaces are rusted to the point that the surface of the wire and metal is pitted and prevents the required cleaning and sanitizing. In some of the enclosures the wire is rusted through affecting the structural strength. The bare wire cages and metal gates need to be treated, repaired and/or replaced to restore the surface of the wire and/or metal so the surfaces can be properly cleaned and sanitized. All surfaces must be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

3.1 (C) (1) (ii)

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HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(c) Surfaces--(1) General requirements. Interior surfaces and any surfaces that come in contact with dogs or cats must:

(ii) Be free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals.

** No fewer than 4 enclosures containing 11 dogs had wire points inside of the enclosures that the animals could come into contact with and might injure the animals. The owner needs to evaluate all of the enclosures and remove sharp points and/or jagged edges that might injure the animals. All surfaces that come into contact with the dogs must be free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals. To be corrected by: 10-20-11.

3.1 (C) (2)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(2) Maintenance and replacement of surfaces. All surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis. Surfaces of housing facilities--including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility--that cannot be readily cleaned and sanitized, must be replaced when worn or soiled.

** One enclosure containing 1 adult dog and 3 puppies had a plastic food and water bowl that had chewed edges creating rough pitted edges. Rough pitted edges can trap dirt, food residue, saliva and other disease hazards and do not allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing. The bowl needs to be replaced with a food and water bowl that allows for proper cleaning and sanitizing. All surfaces must be constructed in a manner that allows them to be readily cleaned and sanitized or removed or replaced when worn or soiled. To be corrected by: 11-01-11.

3.1 (C) (3)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(3) Cleaning. Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with Sec. 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of excreta and reduce

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disease hazards. All other surfaces of housing facilities must be cleaned and sanitized when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices. Sanitization may be done using any of the methods provided in Sec. 3.11(b)(3) for primary enclosures.

** The cleaning and sanitizing of the inside of the enclosures is sufficient. The outside of the enclosures tops, sides, fronts, and backs had hair accumulation and dirt residue on the surfaces. Hair accumulation and dirt residue can harbor disease hazards, contribute to odor and does not demonstrate proper husbandry practices. The surfaces need to be cleaned and sanitized to remove the accumulation of hair and dirt residue to contribute to the health and well being of the animals and to demonstrate proper husbandry practices. All surfaces in contact with the dogs must be spot cleaned daily and sanitized at least every 2 weeks. All other surfaces of the housing facility must be cleaned and sanitized when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices. To be corrected by: 11-01-11

3.2 (d)

REPEAT

INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

(d) Interior surfaces. The floors and walls of indoor housing facilities, and any other surfaces in contact with the animals, must be impervious to moisture. The ceilings of indoor housing facilities must be impervious to moisture or be replaceable (e.g., a suspended ceiling with replaceable panels).

** The indoor facility has surfaces not impervious to moisture which prevents proper cleaning and sanitizing. The owner is in the process of covering the surfaces with material that is impervious to moisture. The center of the ceiling and a few places on the walls is not yet completed and still not impervious to moisture. The owner needs to complete covering the surfaces so that all surfaces of the indoor facility are impervious to moisture to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing of indoor surfaces.

This inspection and exit briefing conducted with the owners.

End of report.

39 DOGS
29 PUPPIES

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OLEO ACRES SUPPLIES HAPPINESS IS PETS
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MIAMI – ANOTHER REASON PET SHOPS
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43 puppies rescued from van in Little Village neighborhood

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'Alert and astute' police credited with saving animals said to be bound for pet stores in Chicago, New York

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February 09, 2012 | By Jonathan Bullington, Chicago Tribune reporter

The 43 puppies rescued from a van parked in the Little Village neighborhood Tuesday morning were packed three to six per carrier and bound for pet stores in Chicago and New York, an animal control official said Wednesday.

The puppies, some as young as 6 to 8 weeks, vary in breed, from boxers and huskies to Chihuahuas and Pekingese, said Cherie Travis, executive director of Chicago's Commission on Animal Care and Control. She said they came from a large-scale breeding operation in Iowa.

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The department has taken custody of the puppies, pending the results of a legal case against two men allegedly found in possession of them.

Travis Wester, 22, and Larry Subject, 49, both of Iowa, each were charged with one misdemeanor count of failing to meet animal owner duties and 43 misdemeanor counts of cruelty to animals, according to Chicago police. They each were ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 bail during a hearing Wednesday before Cook County Circuit Judge Gloria Chevere, said Andy Conklin, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

About 7 a.m. Tuesday, police noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in the 2500 block of West Cermak Road, a police statement said. Officers saw two men, later identified as Wester and Subject, sleeping in the van, prosecutors said Wednesday.

An officer also heard loud barking coming from the rear of the vehicle, and when police checked, they found the 43 animals in cramped containers without adequate food or water, according to the statement. The animals were in about 10 cages, all dirty and filled with urine and feces, prosecutors said.

Officers learned that Wester and Subject, both of Britt in north-central Iowa, had driven seven hours to Chicago with the puppies from an Iowa puppy mill, prosecutors said.

Travis could not comment on the puppies' condition but said they are in quarantine at the shelter because of their age and to protect their health. She described the carriers in which the animals were found as being the type used by pet owners to take one animal to a veterinarian.

Chicago Police
Animals

Animal Care and Control has had no previous contact with Wester and Subject, she said. Though Travis hasn't seen the transportation of so many puppies in her two years with the department, she speculated it is not the first time breeders have come to Chicago.

"Sometimes we see a breeding operation," she said. "This is the first time we've seen the transport side."

Travis credited police with being "alert and astute" to notice the puppies in the vehicle.

"This was really good police work," she said.

Wester and Subject were scheduled to appear Feb. 16 in Misdemeanor Court, Branch 43, for a hearing and on a petition of forfeiture to have the puppies confiscated, Conklin said.

Tribune reporters Rosemary Sobol and Liam Ford contributed.

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30 Puppies Die in Miami Mall Fire

By Olivia B. Waxman Feb. 23, 2013 2 Comments

- 30 puppies killed in Miami strip mall fire *Miami Herald*

A fire broke out in a Miami strip mall Wednesday night, and 30 English and French bulldog puppies died, the *Miami Herald* reports. The fire, reportedly caused by an overloaded electrical outlet, started at 10 p.m. in the back of a bead shop. The flames spread to adjacent stores, and smoke poured into the pet store Beverly Hills Puppies, where the bulldogs were trapped in their cages. Firefighters struggled to open the shop's tightly-locked door, but by the time they made it inside, the puppies had died of smoke inhalation.

The pet store suffered a great financial loss. There was no insurance on the store, and each dog was worth \$2,000, store owner Martin Leon told the *Miami Herald*. But really, the loss was too great to put a price tag on.

Because there was no serious structural damage, the store is expected to reopen in a couple of weeks — but it won't be the same. As Miami Fire-Rescue Lieutenant Ignatius Carroll put it, "People can replace or fix other items, but he can't replace those puppies."

Read more: <http://newsfeed.time.com/2013/02/23/30-puppies-die-in-miami-mall-fire/#ixzz2TCYtX6Cg>

DONNA GRAY & JENNA WILLIAMS

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DONNA GRAY
JENNA WILLIAMS
MIKE GRAY

Customer ID: 321988
Certificate: 43-A-5522
Site: 001
MIKE & DONNA GRAY & JENNA WILLIAMS

ROUTE 3, BOX 191

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

LANCASTER, MO 63548

Date: May-04-2010

3.1 (a)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structure; construction. Housing facilities for dogs and cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury.

Housing facilities must be kept in good repair, structurally sound, and protect dogs from injury. Need to repair or replace the tin siding, east side of main kennel, on the inside of the outdoor wire runs, where tin is rusting away leaving gaps in and around the doggie door opening. These openings allow feces and dirt to get lodge in places that cannot be cleaned properly and also could allow dogs to be injured because of sharp edges. Need to repair or replace these areas of at least 10 enclosures and at least 20 dogs. Correct by 07-31-2010

3.6 (a) (2) (i)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements:

- (a) General requirements. (1) Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound. The primary enclosures must be kept in good repair.
- (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:
 - (i) Have no sharp points or edges that could injure the dogs and cats;

Primary enclosures must be maintained in good repair. Need to repair or replace the broken wire in pen #15, from the north, east side of main kennel that contains a Jack Russel. The partition wire in that cage has broken, pointed wire that could injure dog. Affects at least 1 dog. Correct by 05-08-2010

187 DOGS
86 PUPPIES

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