



**Bailing Out Benji** Working to end puppy mills through  
advocacy, education and research

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**Puppy Mill Pipeline:  
Colorado Springs**

Colorado Springs City Council Worksession  
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Put together by Bailing Out Benji, with facts and statistics provided by  
The USDA, the HSUS, and Bailing Out Benji

# Colorado

25 puppy mills

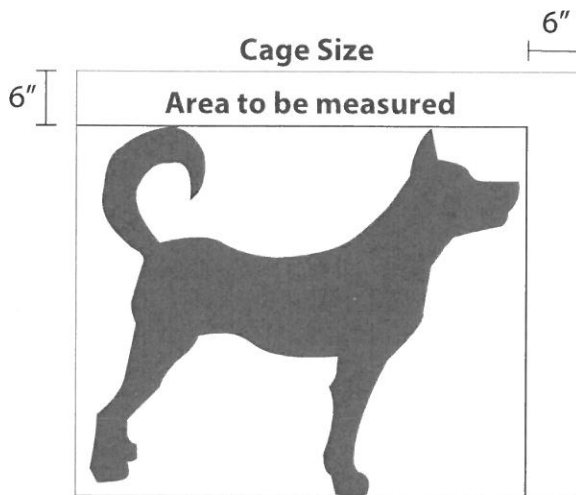
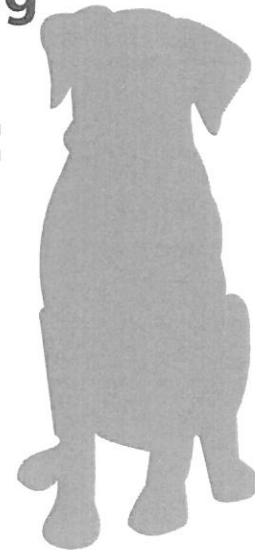
Over 1,300 adult dogs trapped

99% of puppies sold in pet stores are from a puppy mill

**One large breed female can have over 160 puppies in 10 years of breeding**



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**USDA cage standards:**

**Cage must be 6 inches larger than the dog on all sides.**

*You are the solution. Adopt.*



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## What is a puppy mill?

A puppy mill is an inhumane, large scale breeding facility where profit is more important than the welfare of the dogs. Females are bred heat after heat until their bodies can no longer withstand the abuse. Puppy mill dogs are forced to spend their entire lives in cramped cages, stacked one on top of the other, never knowing the feeling of grass under their paws.

*Puppy mills are vastly different from reputable breeders who take care of the adult dogs and do the proper genetic tests to ensure healthy puppies are being produced and sold.*

## Puppy Mill Statistics

**10,000:** Estimated number of puppy mills in the U.S. (both licensed and unlicensed).

**1,902:** Number of USDA Class A and B licensed facilities that breed dogs for the pet trade.

**165,474:** Estimated number of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes in USDA licensed facilities.

**107,558:** Estimated number of female dogs kept for breeding at USDA licensed facilities.

**1,011,046:** Estimated number of puppies produced by USDA licensed facilities each year.

**2.02 million:** Estimated number of puppies sold annually who originated from puppy mills – USDA licensed and non-USDA licensed.

**30:** The approximate number of active puppy mills in Colorado.

**2:** The number of times that Colorado puppy mills have been named as the worst in the country.

**15:** The number of pet stores Colorado has that are selling puppies from large-scale commercial breeders.

Puppy mills are **LEGAL**. This is a common misconception among the general public. Puppy mills sell their puppies in pet stores, the newspaper or on websites that ship straight to your home.

*\* These statistics are sourced from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Bailing Out Benji (BOB)*

## Puppy Mill Puppy Facts

-Dogs from puppy mills are prone to many congenital and heredity conditions due to conditions that the parents and puppies are forced to live in.

-The dogs being bred in puppy mills are not OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) tested. Dogs with poor OFA ratings would never be bred by a reputable breeder.

-Puppy mill puppies show an increased prevalence for behavioral problems as an adult as they do not receive the necessary human contact and socialization that is so critical when a puppy is between 3-16 weeks of age. Puppy mill puppies are often removed from their mother and litter mates at just 6 weeks old.

*\*Facts are sourced from the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA) & US Davis.*

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While the problem of unethical breeders has become a national problem, **the solution must be addressed at the local level.**

Enforcement standards should be applied in each state that has laws governing commercial breeding operations. Loopholes can be closed by states enforcing the current laws that presently exist, and providing new laws that enable the public to be knowledgeable about legitimate breeders operating within the state. Without overstepping their boundaries, states can provide clear expectation and standards for facilities that operate as commercial kennels, and allow those legitimate breeders to prosper in the production of healthy puppies.

Below is a list of the worst commercial dog breeders that Pet City Chapel Hill and Pet City Baja are sourcing from. **These breeders are still licensed and breeding, without consequence.**

*All of this data comes from the Colorado's own PACFA and the USDA. These breeders are currently being used as of April 2019.*

**Lorilee Thomas, Puppies Extraordinaire. Whiting, Kansas-** 642 adult breeding dogs and 288 puppies with a history of violations including: dogs with hair loss, wires poking into kennels, excessively long toe nails, evidence of mice, etc.

Below you will find a USDA photo from her property, and one example of her reports in recent years.





### Inspection Report

Lorilee Thomas  
Puppies Extraordinaire  
28859 W Rd  
Whiting, KS 66552

Customer ID: **324086**  
Certificate: **48-B-0329**  
Site: 002  
Lorilee Thomas

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: Aug-05-2013

**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, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

\* The vinyl coated expanded metal flooring in two enclosures do not completely cover the enclosure. There is an estimated one to two inch gap that exists next to the flooring. Two dogs are in contact with the affected areas which are located in shelter housing. This affects the ability of the flooring to contain the dogs securely and could lead to potential injury. The licensee must ensure all enclosure flooring is kept in good repair to protect the dog from injury and contain the dog securely at all times. Correct by 8/19/13.

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\* An estimated one to two inch gap exists between the divider fencing and enclosure flooring in two enclosures. The metal clips used to secure the fencing have torn through the bottom of the divider fencing thus creating the gaps. Six dogs are in contact with the affected area which is located in shelter housing. This affects the ability of the enclosure fencing to contain the dogs securely and could lead to potential injury. The licensee must ensure all enclosure fencing and flooring is kept in good repair to protect the dog from injury and contain the dog securely at all times. Correct by 8/19/13.

**3.1 (c) (1) (i)**  
**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

(c) Surfaces--(1) General requirements. The surfaces of housing facilities--including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility--must be constructed in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled. Interior surfaces and any surfaces that come in contact with dogs or cats must:

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

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### Inspection Report

structural strength of the surface.

\* Excessive rust, jagged holes and a roughened surface were observed along the bottom of one galvanized pipe divider frame. Four dogs are in contact with the affected pipe frame which is located in indoor housing. In addition, the middle support pipe is showing excessive rust where it connects to the bottom pipe. Rust can erode and deteriorate all metal surfaces to the point that the metal surfaces can no longer be readily cleaned and sanitized. Excessive rust affects the structural integrity of all metal surfaces. Licensee must ensure that this and all other surfaces are free of rust and of good structural strength. Correct by 9/5/13.

\* The facility inspection and verbal exit briefing done on 8/5/13 and the exit briefing conducted on 8/8/13 were conducted with the licensee.

**Pam Wilson, Gallatin Missouri-** Wilson runs one of the worst puppy mills in the entire country with a history of violations including: issues with unsafe housing, inadequate cleaning, unsafe animal handling, lack of proper veterinary care and the breeder admitting to using cattle prods on the dogs.

**Gallatin, Missouri: Pam Wilson – Admitted using a cattle prod to break up dog fights; direct violation for puppy with crusty scabs and other dogs with similar issues; licensee admitted she caught a rash from the dogs, yet none of the animals with skin disorders had been seen by a veterinarian.** In June 2017, a Missouri state inspector found nine violations at Pam Wilson’s kennel, including issues with unsafe housing, inadequate cleaning, unsafe animal handling and lack of proper veterinary care. Two separate veterinary care issues were cited, including one “direct” violation for a French bulldog puppy who had scabs and crusty areas from her neck to her midline (spine). According to the licensee, multiple other dogs had similar lesions and she had apparently “develop[ed] itchy rashes herself after handling some of the dogs.” None of these dogs had been seen by their veterinarian at the time of inspection for the issues, which could be caused by scabies or other parasites. The inspector also noted that there was no current program of veterinary care available. Other violations noted at this inspection included a cattle prod found in one of the rooms that the licensee claimed she used to break up dog fights. The inspection report stated, “The licensee shall immediately discontinue use of any non-species appropriate training/management equipment to prevent unnecessary injury, stress, or trauma to the animals.” Other concerns noted at this inspection were about “20 exposed power outlets” accessible to the dogs and puppies in the licensee’s house, among other issues.

**Marvin and Rosemary Mullet, Clover Ridge Kennel LLC, AKA RosenMarv Kennels.**

**Corydon, Iowa-** 85 adult breeding dogs. Violations including: kennels not impervious to moisture. This breeder also cancelled their former license (RosenMarv Kennels) and started this new one in order to hide their long list of violations including: dogs with cloudy eyes, rusted kennels, expired medications used on dogs, medications not meant for dogs being used on them.



United States Department of Agriculture Customer: 332670  
 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Inspection Date: 14-DEC-15  
**Animal Inspected at Last Inspection**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
332670	42-A-1515	001	Cloveridge Kennel L L C	14-DEC-15

Count	Species
000085	Dog Adult
000043	Dog Puppy
<b>000128</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Becky Busboom, Dannebrog, Nebraska.** Dog Broker with a history of violations, including using pig medications on puppies. \* A dog broker is a company that acts as a middle-man. They buy puppies from commercial breeders and sells them to pet stores, so the name of the breeders are left off of the paperwork. Below you will find a list of puppy mills that Busboom sources from.

*All of this data comes from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the USDA. These breeders are currently being used as of April 2019.*

**AG Beukelman, J Michaels Kennels. Sioux Center, Iowa-** 95 adult breeding dogs, with a history of violations including: excessively rusted cages, wires broken and poking into kennels, build up of dirt/grime, excessively chewed bowls, dogs withuntreated eye problems, and dead mice found floating in dogs' drinking water. Although Beukelman is a veterinarian himself, he is known as one of the worst puppy mills in the country.



Photographer: William Heine      Legal Name: A.G. BEUKELMAN      42-A-1054  
Photo Taken: Wed, Apr 24, '13

**Julie Nelson, Nelson Farms. Fairfield, Iowa-** 75 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: very sick Shih-tzus, not having a veterinarian on site for over a year, and having severely chewed/jagged water bowls.

**Dave Ruter, Sioux Center, Iowa-** 55 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: Excessively rusty doors/cages, filthy kennels, excessively chewed walls, unsafe kennels.

**Gary and Elaine Vande Weerd, Vande Weerd Kennels.** Sioux Center, Iowa- 27 adult breeding dogs.

**Gary Felts, Black Diamond Kennel. Kingsley, Iowa-** 183 adult breeding dogs (before he auctioned them all off) with a long history of violations including: dogs noted with eye issues, excessively rusty kennels/cages, metal feeders/waterers that are rusted, exposed screws in kennels, excessively chewed wood, standing water in buildings, no wind/rain break, excessive feces in whelping rooms, "Records on hand" not completed, severely rusted pens, excessively chewed pens, dust/dirt/debris/grime buildup in pens, sharp points in all of the kennels, big holes in the floors (dogs legs are passing through, even bodies). The USDA put him on a 3 year



probation in 2016, and Felts was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2013.



**Helen and Scott Ketelsen, Hull Iowa-** 129 adult breeding dogs.

**Tara Hansen, Doon Iowa-** unable to access records.

**Pam Habbinga, Habbinga Kennels. Boyden, Iowa-** 111 adult breeding dogs with violations including: cracked cement in kennels that cannot be cleaned or sanitized.

**Tabitha Bakker, Hawarden Iowa-** unable to access records.

**Heidi or Megan Johnston, Murray Iowa-** unable to access records.

**Judy and Steve Thiesse, TZ Kennel. Mitchell, South Dakota-** 21 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: Rusted wire and tin poking into dog kennels and run areas.

**Nancy Ogle, Irene South Dakota-** 51 adult breeding dogs (down from 85) and close to 100 puppies on site, with a history of violations including: missed inspections, filthy kennel conditions, dogs in need of veterinary care, dogs with eye issues, dogs with dental disease, and excessive brown grime in kennels. Ogle was named one of the worst puppy mills in the country in 2017.

**Pat Crabtree, Crabtree Kennels. Saint Francis, Kansas-** 195 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: not having puppies vaccinated for dangerous diseases, dogs with severe dental disease, dogs with eye issues, dogs with ear infections and wounds on their body. Crabtree was also named one of the worst puppy mills in 2015 and 2014 and has a history of changing her license number to hide from her violations.

**Cindy Sherlock, Furry Friends Kennel. St Francis, Kansas-** 40 adult breeding dogs.

**Tom Vaassen, Lancaster Wisconsin-** 22 adult breeding dogs.

**Jeanna Johnston, Coalgate Oklahoma-** unable to access dog records.

The list of commercial breeders that Colorado pet stores are using is long and it is full of violations. The fact of the matter is, reputable breeders will never sell their puppies in pet stores.

**It is up to the city of Colorado Springs to protect its citizens and consumers from purchasing sick puppies. Below you will find real reviews from people in your city.**



**Devin Grant**

1 review

★★★★★ · 2 months ago

Well the puppy we got came home with a parasite from either eating her own poop or others poop.. the first time we gave her a bath all kinds of grime came off of her coat she was allergic to the food they gave her and recommended that was "best" for her which it wasnt at all. She also has terrible anxiety when it comes to bed time or us leaving the house. The lady who helped us was kind and helpful. She seemed new but the others were just rude when we wanted to see the puppy we eventually took home. she is fine other then the problems listed above. She is a happy puppy!



**Jackie Glass**

2 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ · 4 months ago

I bought a sick puppy from this store about a year ago. They told me she had a minor cold and that it would go away soon with more medicine. The illness never went away unfortunately so she is still on medication a year later.

Pet City did help pay for medical bills for a few months after I purchased the dog but I am still left with having purchased a permanently ill dog for almost \$2,000 and I continue to pay out about \$300 per Vet visit.

I asked Pet City for a partial refund to help cover medical expenses and they denied my request. They offered to let me swap the dog out with a different puppy. By this time we had already built a connection with the dog and honestly I didn't like the idea of returning a sick dog that may never get resold and end up being euthanized.

I was told by many Vets that the dog was likely not transported with care as well as being exposed to unhealthy and stressful environments. Therefore I would not recommend purchasing a pet through Pet City. I had plans for my dog to be a service animal and potentially even breed in the future. Obviously this was a lot less likely with her illnesses and I now have to dedicate more time and money than anticipated for this dog to live a somewhat normal life.

Also recently I noticed the dog had 3 bumps forming on the back of her neck. After X-Rays it was determined that she was not properly microchipped and that the chip was moving around and would eventually come out. This has caused a lot of pain for the poor dog and she continues to scratch it.



**Hilary Noble**

3 reviews

★★★★★ 4 months ago

Don't buy from here. They apparently lie about getting your first vet check free and that all their puppies are parasite and worm free. The Vet clinics they recommend all said that this place has been doing the "first free vet visit on us" scam for a long time now. The woman who sold me the dog, I think her name was Charlotte, told me if I gave the pet store a 5 star review on google she'd give me a free toy. So, don't trust the positive reviews on here.



**Jacki PAULLUS**

2 reviews

★★★★★ 2 months ago

I bought a Shih tzu from here about 10 months ago. The first person to help us told us the one we wanted was another breed. Went in the next day and was told it was a shih tzu and it costs more. Puppy was healthy, we got a free health exam. Was told by vet, the food pet city makes you buy is not the greatest. Puppies do cost way too much. They claim puppies are from reputable breeders. After receiving my registered papers, did research and my puppy came from a puppy mill where breeder changes his company name because of bad reputation. So, they are complete liars. Just know if you buy from here, you are getting puppy mill. My puppy, now 1 years old, has attitude and growls ferociously.



**Leo Service Dog**

1 review

★★★★★ 10 months ago

I am from an Service dog training place. They are now selling service dog vests in there store! The puppies are just getting to their homes. They have not gone through vet checks and training!! How could they be selling them to puppies. I had called them because they are hurting the REAL teams that go into the mall. I wanted to educate but they where VERY rude/ demanding over the phone. The vests that they are selling to these people are not educated! I told her Under the ADA law you are allowed to educate and ask 2 questions. Which she was not informed about!!! I cant believe I have to take MY time tom. To go educate!! If they are selling the vests they have to educate!



**Jeremy Mitchell**

7 reviews

★★★★★ 11 months ago

I'm appalled at the lack of attention the employees here pay attention to having even the slightest bit of decency when taking care of animals. Having to be reminded by customers passing by to simply fill up a bowl of water for SEVERAL dogs and then getting attitude about having to do THEIR JOB is pathetic. Wish I could give this place no stars.



**ZenZenDorf**

Local Guide · 12 reviews · 4 photos

★★★★★ 11 months ago

Was walking by with a friend 5-11-18 at 4pm and we noticed that 3 of the puppies were attacking another one, not playing, so we walked up to the window and was watching, concerned whether we should tell an employee or not. Right as we were about to go tell her she walks up and shoots an extremely dirty look and says, very rudely, "glad that this poor little guy was your entertainment". Immediately lost whatever business we might have had.



# Colorado Springs Pet Store/ Puppy Mill Connection

## CVI DATA

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*"We don't buy from puppy mills."*

*"All of our puppies come from small, local breeders."*

*"We visit every breeder we buy from."*

We have all heard these sentences come from the mouths of pet store owners and their employees. They paint this beautiful picture of puppies running by a pond and parents frolicking in the fresh, green grass... Sadly, 99% of the time that is a bold faced lie. The pet store owners know it, the employees might know it - but the customer is completely in the dark.

This is why we are here.

Attached is the CVI (Certificates of Veterinary Inspections) data as we have obtained it from the Colorado Department of Agriculture for **breeders used in 2018 and 2019**.



### About Us

*Pet City has been committed, for over 40 years, to providing healthy, affordable and adorable puppies. Pet City has a wide variety of puppies to choose from, all which are backed by an unmatched health warranty. All of our puppies are chosen from licensed reputable breeders. The puppies are cared for in our stores by knowledgeable and caring employees. We are also networked with a list of highly respected veterinarians.*

## Now Let's Talk About Pet City.

As shown above, the Pet City Website claims that they use "licensed, reputable breeders." Our research has determined that is a lie. Sadly, Pet City doesn't seem to be that picky with where their puppies are coming from at all. As you will read below, every location of Pet City is connected to large scale puppy mills, many with severe violations and even a few that have been listed on the "Horrible Hundred Puppy Mill List".

## Pet City Chapel Hills- 1710 Briargate Blvd, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Betty Fetters, Fetters Furry Friends. Novinger, Missouri - 118 adult breeding dogs.
2. David Troyer, Breezy Crest Kennels, Bloomfield Iowa - 37 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: severe accumulation of feces frozen to cement.
3. Erwin Yoder, Yoders Kennels, Bloomfield Iowa - 39 adult breeding dogs.
4. Larry Yoder, Triple Y Kennel. Bloomfield, Iowa - 14 adult breeding dogs.
5. David F Lee, Cincinnati, Iowa - unable to access records.
6. Samuel R Mast, Howling Hill Kennels. Bloomfield, Iowa - 26 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: severe feces, oil and dirt build up under elevated dog cages.
7. Levi and Esther D Schlabach, That'll Do Kennel, Seymour, IA – 16 adult breeding dogs
8. David and Anna Nisley, Cedar Grove Kennels. Drakesville, Iowa - 12 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: emaciated dogs who are nursing litters without medical attention, use of expired medications. They also change their license number to avoid violations.
9. Melvin Yoder, Seymour Iowa - unable to access records.
10. Melvin Miller, Windy Knoll Kennel. Cincinnati, Iowa - unable to access records.
11. Harley Yoder, Chariton Iowa - unable to access records.
12. Stephen Schrock, Shady Lawn Kennels. Bloomfield, Iowa - 25 adult breeding dogs. Has cancelled license in the past to escape violations. Previous violations (that we can see) include having spilled dog food all over the floor with rat feces mixed in.
13. Harvey Byler, Seymour Iowa - unable to access records.
14. Melvin Nisley, Seymour Iowa - 40 adult breeding dogs. To view USDA inspection photos, [click here](#).
15. Levi Yoder, Oak Ridge Kennels, Seymour Iowa - 54 adult breeding dogs
16. Eli Gingerich, Trail End Acres. Winterset, Iowa - unable to access records.
17. Midwest Newfoundland Kennel, Cincinnati Iowa – 28 adults, but violations with filthy kennels including rat feces in the kennels. “Newer” USDA breeder.
18. Delmar High, Pulaski Iowa - unable to access records.
19. Toby F Detweiler, Hidden Hollow Kennels. Saint Charles, Minnesota - 40 adult breeding dogs
20. John Henry Miller, Utica Minnesota - unable to access records.
21. Leroy Yoder, Pleasant View Kennels. Saint Charles Minnesota - 94 adult breeding dogs, 104 puppies.
22. Henry Yoder, Utica, Minnesota - 47 adult breeding dogs
23. Amos Yoder, Skyline View LLC, St Charles, Minnesota - 104 adult breeding dogs, 75 puppies. Has a habit of skipping inspections
24. Pam Wilson, Gallatin Missouri - Wilson runs one of the worst puppy mills in the entire country with a history of violations including: issues with unsafe housing, inadequate cleaning, unsafe animal handling, lack of proper veterinary care and the breeder admitting to using cattle prods on the dogs.
25. Ura Troyer, Countryside Kennels. Bethany Missouri - unable to access records
26. Mose Slabaugh, Spickard Missouri - unable to access records. Does not appear to be USDA licensed.
27. Stephen Detweiler, Princeton Missouri - unable to access records.
28. Daniel Yoder, Yoder Kennel. Princeton Missouri - 65 adult breeding dogs
29. Chris Gingerich, Jamesport Missouri - 11 adult breeding dogs.
30. Devon Schlabach, Honey Locust Kennel. Princeton Missouri - 52 adult breeding dogs

31. Toby Hershberger, Spickard Missouri - unable to access records.
32. Anna Mae Good, Playful Puppies. Rutledge, Missouri - **83 adult breeding dogs.**
33. Leon Troyer, Jamesport Missouri - unable to access records.
34. Reuben Yutzy, Little Paw Kennels. Jamesport, Missouri - **57 adult breeding dogs.**
35. Michael Hansen, Worthington Missouri - unable to access records
36. Lewis Bloom, Blooms Kennels. Clay Center, Kansas - **68 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: Missed Inspections, walls and kennel floors covered in grime and feces.**
37. Crystal Howard, Sterling Kansas - 48 adult breeding dogs.
38. Lorilee Thomas, Whiting, Kansas. Lorilee Thomas, Puppies Extraordinaire. Whiting, Kansas - **642 adult breeding dogs and 288 puppies** with a history of violations including: dogs with hair loss, wires poking into kennels, excessively long toe nails, evidence of mice, etc. For photos, [click here](#).
39. Devon Longenecker, Midwest Kennel. Quinter, Kansas - unable to access records.
40. Amos Allgyer and Samuel Beiler, Platteville, Wisconsin - unable to access records. Both breeders are using the same address on CVIs but appear to hold different USDA licenses.
41. Mattie O and Perry J Bontrager, Cedar Hill Kennel. Dalton, Wisconsin. - **131 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: Puppies sold underage to pet stores; Eyes are not clear; mislabeled medications – meant for other animals.**
42. Becky Busboom, Dannebrog, Nebraska. Dog Broker with a history of violations, including using pig medications on puppies. To view which puppy mills Busboom buys from, [click here](#).

### **Pet City Baja- 750 Citadel Dr, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

1. Raymond and Rhonda Miller, Coalgate Oklahoma - unable to access records.
2. Wilbur Bortrager, Dalton Wisconsin - 13 adult breeding dogs.
3. Mattie O and Perry J Bontrager, Cedar Hill Kennel. Dalton, Wisconsin. - **131 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: Puppies sold underage to pet stores; Eyes are not clear; mislabeled medications – meant for other animals.**
4. Laverne E Stutzman, Chilli Wisconsin - unable to access records.
5. Levi Graber, Blue Ribbon Puppies. Odon, Indiana – **70 puppies.**
6. John Henry Miller, Utica Minnesota - unable to access records.
7. Toby F Detweiler, Hidden Hollow Kennels. Saint Charles, Minnesota - 40 adult breeding dogs
8. Amos Yoder, Skyline View LLC, St Charles, Minnesota - **104 adult breeding dogs, 75 puppies. Has a habit of skipping inspections**
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15. David Troyer, Breezy Crest Kennels, Bloomfield Iowa - 37 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: severe accumulation of feces frozen to cement.
16. Vernon and Joseph Troyer, Shadow Valley Kennel. Bloomfield, Iowa – Was previously “Echo Valley Kennels” but has cancelled license and changed name several times. **114 adult breeding dogs**. To view USDA inspection photos and a list of violations, [click here](#).
17. Edwin Stutzman, Walnut Ridge Kennels, Corydon Iowa - 47 adult breeding dogs
18. Joel Swartzentruber, Afton, Iowa - unable to access records. Does not appear to be state or USDA licensed.
19. Chris Kauffman, Afton Iowa - 44 adult breeding dogs with a history of not having a vet on the property for over 2 years.
20. Mark Yoder, Acorn Ridge. Bloomfield, Iowa - unable to access records.
21. Levi and Esther D Schlabach, That'll Do Kennel, Seymour, IA – 16 adult breeding dogs
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23. David and Anna Nisley, Cedar Grove Kennels. Drakesville, Iowa - 12 adult breeding dogs with a **history of violations including: emaciated dogs who are nursing litters without medical attention, use of expired medications**. They also change their license number to avoid violations.
24. James E and Sarah Yoder, Taylor Ridge Kennels. Bloomfield, Iowa - 32 adult breeding dogs **with a history of violations including: using expired medications and having a severe fly problem in their kennels**.
25. Marvin Nisley, Seymour Iowa - 45 adult breeding dogs.
26. Harley Yoder, Chariton Iowa - unable to access records.
27. Marvin and Rosemary Mullet, Clover Ridge Kennel LLC, Corydon, Iowa - **85 adult breeding dogs**. **Violations including: kennels not impervious to moisture. This breeder also cancelled their former license (Rosen Mary Kennels) and started this new one in order to hide their long list of violations including: dogs with cloudy eyes, rusted kennels, expired medications used on dogs, medications not meant for dogs being used on them.** To view USDA photos, [click here](#).
28. Howard Yoder, Bloomfield, Iowa - unable to access records. Does not appear to be state or USDA licensed.
29. Jeremy Rodgers, Daynes Ridge Kennel, Moravia Iowa – 21 adult breeding dogs, new license.
30. Midwest Newfoundland Kennel, Cincinnati Iowa – 28 adults, but violations with filthy kennels including rat feces in the kennels. “Newer” USDA breeder.
31. Eli and Laura Schrock, Hillview Kennels. Drakesville Iowa - 21 adult breeding dogs.
32. Adin Lambright, Bloomfield Iowa - 34 adult breeding cats.
33. Eli Gingerich, Trail End Acres. Winterset, Iowa - unable to access records.
34. Ron and Patty Self, Unionville, Iowa - unable to access records. Does not appear to be state or USDA licensed.
35. David F Lee, Cincinnati, Iowa - unable to access records.
36. Enos Detweiler, Drakesville Iowa - unable to access records.
37. Samuel R Mast, Howling Hill Kennels. Bloomfield, Iowa - 26 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including: severe feces, oil and dirt build up under elevated dog cages.

38. Ivan Troyer, Stoney Creek Kennel, Bloomfield Iowa - 37 adult breeding dogs.
39. Stephen Schrock, Shady Lawn Kennels. Bloomfield, Iowa - 25 adult breeding dogs. Has cancelled license in the past to escape violations. Previous violations (that we can see) include having spilled dog food all over the floor with rat feces mixed in.
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41. Daniel Yoder, Yoder Kennel. Princeton Missouri - 65 adult breeding dogs
42. Reuben Yutzy, Little Paw Kennels. Jamesport, Missouri - 57 adult breeding dogs.
43. Leon Troyer, Jamesport Missouri - unable to access records.
44. Mahlon (Mahlen) Yoder, Jamesport Missouri - unable to access records.
45. Betty Fetters, Fetters Furry Friends. Novinger, Missouri - 118 adult breeding dogs.
46. Jim Foster, Shelbina Missouri - unable to access records.
47. Ura Troyer, Countryside Kennels. Bethany Missouri - unable to access records
48. Pam Wilson, Gallatin Missouri - Wilson runs one of the worst puppy mills in the entire country with a history of violations including: issues with unsafe housing, inadequate cleaning, unsafe animal handling, lack of proper veterinary care and the breeder admitting to using cattle prods on the dogs.
49. Elam Bradenburger, Kuntry Pups Kennel. Queen City, Missouri - unable to access records.
50. Melvin Yoder, Pondview Kennel. Greentop, Missouri - 26 adult breeding dogs with a history of violations including dogs being covered in fleas.
51. Elmer Bontrager, Mount Vernon, Missouri - unable to access records. Does not appear to be USDA licensed.

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