

## **Austin Please Say No to Petland and No to the Puppy Mill Trade!**

### **Why is Petland Bad for Austin?**

- Over 12,000 homeless dogs and cats die at Town Lake Animal Center every year because they can't find homes
- Petland purchases their pets from Puppy & Kitten Mills (See below: **What is a Puppy Mill?**)
- Petland will bring thousands of more unaltered pets into Austin creating even more unwanted pets

### **Why Single out Petland?**

Petland purchases their pets from The Hunte Corporation located in Goodman, Mo, who in turn purchases their animals from puppy mills. The Hunte Corporation is the largest puppy dealer in the U.S., selling 90,000 puppies every year to retail pet stores

### **What is a Puppy Mill?**

Puppy mills are large commercial breeding facilities where hundreds of dogs are packed into small cages and live in deplorable conditions. These cages are often rarely or poorly cleaned, without fresh water, without proper shelter, and little if any veterinary care, and they are never let out. Many will die in their cages before they ever make the long journey to your local pet store. At 6 to 8 weeks old, puppies are "harvested" and bathed to clean off the feces and urine they have been living in during their brief lives in the puppy mill. They are then packed into a container with many other puppies often without water or proper air circulation. Some will die on this long trip, and others will be rejected by the broker only to be sent back to live out their lives as "breeding stock". Many others will be killed for their lack of monetary value, and others are sold to research facilities. The survivors can be seen at your local pet store, often with a host of undetected health and behavior problems. Meanwhile the breeding parents of these puppies continue to live out their lives in their puppy mill cages until they can no longer produce puppies, and then they too are sold to research facilities or are killed. As long as people continue to purchase from stores like Petland – the puppy mill trade will continue.

The Hunte Corporation is a wholesaler of puppies and supplier to Petland. Their ads and website show a sparkling clean, modern facility for the puppies. What isn't shown is where the puppies come from before they arrive at Hunte: "the same filthy puppy mills" described above.

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Learn more about Puppy Mills:**

- Stop Puppy Mills: <http://www.stoppupmills.org>
- The Humane Society of the United States: <http://www.hsus.org/>
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: <http://www.asPCA.org>
- Information on Hunte Corporation: <http://www.petstorecruelty.org/Hunte%20Corp.htm>

**Where to Look for Your Next Pet:**

- Your Local Animal Shelter has many wonderful purebred and mixed breed adoptable pets
- Rescue Groups have many purebred and mixed breed dogs, cats and rabbits
- A Reputable Breeder – go to: [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) and search for “Good Breeder”

**LOCAL SHELTERS:**

**Georgetown Animal Shelter**

110 W L Walden Drive  
Georgetown, Texas 78626  
(512) 930-3592

**Town Lake Animal Center**

1156 W. Cesar Chavez  
Austin, Texas 78703  
(512) 972-6045

**PAWS of Kyle**

500 FM 150 East  
Kyle, Texas 78640  
(512) 268-1611

**Austin SPCA**

124 West Anderson Lane  
Austin, Texas 78752  
(512) 646-7387

**Lifelong Friends**

20803 FM 1431  
Lago Vista, Texas 78645  
(512) 267-6876

**Central Texas SPCA**

909 S. Bagdad Road  
Leander, Texas 78641  
(512) 260-7722

**Humane Society of  
Williamson County**

10930 Crystal Falls Parkway  
Leander, Texas 7864  
(512) 260-3602

**LOCAL RESCUE GROUPS:**

**Austin’s Pet Directory:**

Lists local rescue groups  
including pure-breed pets  
[www.austinspetdirectory.com](http://www.austinspetdirectory.com)

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