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## **Petland in Missouri: Where Do They Get Their Puppies?**

Petland claims that they only buy from breeders with “the highest standards,” but the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has found that they continue to buy from **known puppy mills** and **out-of-state brokers** that deal with puppy mills. The Missouri Petlands bought puppies from at least three major brokers which the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited for **multiple violations**.

A **broker** is a “middleman” animal dealer that buys puppies from many different kennels and puppy mills for resale to pet stores.

You can read more about The HSUS’s investigation by clicking on this link:

<http://humanesociety.org/petland>

### ***Details about the Independence, Missouri, Petland***

**Petland-Independence**  
**1022 Independence Center**  
**Independence, MO 64057**  
**Phone: 816-795-8821**

#### **Hunte: Cited for Small Cages and Underage Puppies**

This store received multiple shipments from a massive Missouri puppy broker, **The Hunte Corporation**, in 2009. Hunte is a middleman animal dealer which the USDA has cited for keeping dozens of animals in too-small cages, repeatedly transporting underage puppies, and other violations. The Hunte Corporation sells about 80,000 puppies a year from hundreds of different kennels and puppy mills.

**This store may also buy from other dealers.**

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### ***Details about the Joplin, Missouri, Petland***

#### **Petland-Joplin**

**3102 East 7th Street, Suite 400**

**Joplin, MO 64801**

**Phone: 417-626-7020**

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### ***Details about the Springfield, Missouri, Petland***

#### **Petland-Springfield**

**1610 E. Battlefield Rd.**

**Springfield, MO 65804**

**Phone: 417-887-7676**

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### ***Details about the St. Louis, Missouri, Petland***

**Petland-St. Louis - Lake St. Louis**  
**6131 Ronald Reagan Drive**  
**Lake St. Louis, MO 63367**  
**Phone: 636-695-4503**

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#### **Perfect Puppies: Cited for Buying from Unlicensed Breeders**

In 2008, this store also received shipments from massive puppy broker in Iowa, **Perfect Puppies**, which the USDA has cited for buying more than 500 puppies from unlicensed breeders in 2008. The licensee was also cited for buying more than 100 puppies in 2008 and 2009 from a breeder with more than 100 dogs who was related to the broker. The licensee falsely obtained a certification statement indicating that the breeder with more than 100 dogs did not require a USDA license, which he would have known to be untrue. This broker was also cited for inadequate pest control and other violations.

#### **Tracy's K & J Pets: Cited for Improper Veterinary Oversight**

Also in 2008, the store received shipments from **Tracy's K & J Pets** in Missouri, a middleman animal dealer which the USDA has cited for inadequate veterinary oversight, animal transport vehicles in disrepair, purchasing animals while not currently licensed, and other violations.

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