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## **Petland in North Carolina: 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 Charlotte, NC, Petland bought puppies from at least one major broker 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://www.stoppupmills.org/petland.html>

### ***Details about the Charlotte, North Carolina, Petland***

**Petland-Charlotte Arboretum**  
**8120 Providence Rd. Suite 500**  
**Charlotte, NC 28270**  
**Phone: 704-540-0066**

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

This store received 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.

#### **QD Kennel: Selling Over 5,000 Puppies a Year**

In 2009, this store received shipments from a large-scale commercial puppy broker in Missouri that ships puppies all over the United States. **QD Kennel** sells over 5,000 puppies a year and reportedly grosses over \$1,000,000 in sales.

#### **Out-of-State Sellers with Animal Welfare Act Violations**

This store also received multiple shipments directly from Missouri out-of-state sellers in 2009, some of whom have been cited for Animal Welfare Act violations.

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

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Pet Store Doublespeak: [http://stoppupmills.org/pet\\_store\\_doublespeak.html](http://stoppupmills.org/pet_store_doublespeak.html)

Puppy Buyer’s Guide: <http://humanesociety.org/puppy>