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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:

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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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