



## **Puppy Mills: Facts and Figures**

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| 10,000       | Estimated number of puppy mills in the U.S. (both licensed and unlicensed)   |
| 2,024        | Number of USDA Class A and B licensed facilities that breed dogs for the pet trade                                   |
| 176,088      | Estimated number of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes in USDA licensed facilities                               |
| 114,457      | Estimated number of female dogs kept for breeding at USDA licensed facilities  |
| 9.4          | Estimated number of puppies per breeding female per year   |
| 1,075,896    | Estimated number of puppies produced by USDA licensed facilities each year   |
| 2.15 million | Estimated number of puppies sold annually who originated from puppy mills – USDA licensed and non-USDA licensed      |
| 25%          | Estimated percentage of dogs in animal shelters who are purebred   |
| 3 million    | Estimated number of dogs and cats euthanized by shelters every year in the U.S.                                      |
| \$4 - \$7    | International City/County Management Association's budgeting recommendation, per capita, for animal control programs |
| \$500,000    | Estimated cost of a puppy mill bust involving 250 animals  |