

This is Tina. She was purchased at a Massachusetts pet store. Her family spent \$18,000 on vet bills but could not save her.



Pet stores routinely mislead consumers about the origins of the puppies they sell. Most puppies sold in pet stores come from inhumane breeding operations known as puppy mills where profit takes priority over care, comfort, and compassion for parent dogs. Heartbroken families can face unexpected veterinary bills.

## **GOVERNOR BAKER:**

**I support a statewide ban on the retail sale of commercially-bred puppies and kittens.**

**Boston recently joined Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, Phoenix, Austin, Pittsburgh, E. Providence, RI and a growing number of cities and towns and counties across America to ban pet stores from selling puppies and kittens unless they are sponsoring adoptions through shelters and rescues.**

**I support stronger regulations and oversight for backyard breeders selling puppies online and in newspapers and yard sales.**

**Dogs have recently been found in terrible conditions at backyard breeding operations in Massachusetts.**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ MA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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- According to the HSUS, more than 2,000,000 puppies are born in licensed and unlicensed puppy mills every year in the US.
- I believed government regulations protected the dogs from abuse but learned the USDA regulations focus on maximizing profit for cruel commercial breeders and allow extremely inhumane conditions to continue. USDA licensed facilities ARE puppy mills.
- The abuses are well-documented. Even the USDA's Office of the Inspector General cites **its own agency's** ineffectiveness in regulating dog breeders. See report at [www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/33002-4-SF.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/33002-4-SF.pdf)
- Most pet stores operate successfully without selling puppies and kittens.
- Our relationship with our companion animals improves our lives and reflects basic humanitarian beliefs.

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