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## Puppies in the Window-Pet store protests slated for this weekend Dec. 10 – 11



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Animal rights advocates are continuing to sound the alarm about pet store puppies as Christmas draws closer. Several organized groups and concerned citizens will be holding informational protests outside many Chicago area pet stores this weekend to inform shoppers about the puppy mills that breed these dogs.

"These protests are to educate the public on the realities of these pet stores," says Brandy Gergesz, founder of Annie's Little Angels rescue. She purchased a puppy with a myriad of health problems from Happiness is Pets. "People are being lied to, consumer fraud is happening every day and the parents of these adorable puppies are suffering in puppy mills because of it. If more people knew the truth, the misery of puppy mills would end."

Many people drawn to the cute, cuddly puppy in the window of pet stores know little about the breeding dogs left behind in brutal, inhumane conditions at puppy mills. Here's a list of some of the protests slated for this weekend.

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### Saturday, December 10

Animal advocates in northwest Indiana will be at the Mishawaka University Park Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pat's Pets. The group is sponsored by *Michiana Pet Shop Puppies* and they will park at the Timberbrook Church parking lot prior to the protest.

*The Puppy Mill Project* will be holding an educational protest in front of Puppies 'R Us at 3404 North Ashland Avenue in Chicago on Saturday, December 10 from 1 – 3 p.m.

### Sunday, December 11

A group of concerned animal lovers will be holding a peaceful demonstration outside the Peru Mall at 3940 Route 251 in front of the Furry Babies from noon – 3 p.m.

Volunteers from *CAPS (Companion Animal Protection Society)* will be protesting in front of Happiness is Pets at 15647 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

Learn more about puppy mills and where *stores in Illinois* purchase their pets *online*. Learn about *The Puppy Mill Project* and CAPS online.

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