

REGARDING owner comments- Yes I have been in your store, twice. I shop on Halsted all the time, ain't no thing coming into your shop. You had a younger Asian woman working there who I spoke with, and a blonde woman was behind the counter. The first time I came in you didn't have a lot of puppies left, due to a "busy weekend" she said.

Not only can I "discredit" you all I want by posting my valid experiences and thoughts-- it's called free speech, I know several of your breeders/puppy dealers, so if I want a puppy mill dog I can go straight to the source for a better price. Consumers shop around and do their research prior to buying, looking for things like company ethics and value of product-- of which there's an absence of here.

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marissa d.
Chicago, IL

8/29/2009

I'm going to have to say no to Pawsh Puppies and risk getting a scolding from the owner for doing so. I've been into this store twice because I really want to get a puppy. Both times I've gone in no one has acknowledged me, and when I asked questions about the puppies it was like I was putting them out. I really just don't get the point of rude, stand off-ish customer service. Is it some sort of new business strategy that I am unaware of? That being said, I would not buy a puppy from here and I would recommend you follow suit.

(Also, I just have to point out that while the instant gratification of being able to take home a puppy that day is nice, if you look into reputable breeders - as I did - you'll likely find the dog you want for much less money).

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Pawsh Puppies is not at all what they say. They sell PUPPY MILL puppies for \$1,200 to \$1,500

www.yelp.com/biz/pawsh-puppies-chicago

Sean B.
Chicago, IL

when a healthy dog costs a third of that. Buying from them perpetuates animal cruelty. Here's how I know...



A few weeks ago, I read claims on Pawsh Puppies' website that "we take out the guess work of finding reputable breeders", "we buy directly from the top breeders in the country", and "extensive reference checks are performed in determining which breeders we do business with". Family of five in tow, I went to the store to find a puppy. We decided to buy a \$1,200 puppy later that night. However, when I returned the next day to put down a \$500 deposit, there were approximately 15 protesters picketing outside the store with signs reading "here \$1,500 buys one sick [puppy mill] dog". This prompted me to ask the store questions. Store managers Alex and Alicia both reassured me that, "the reason we got into this business is that we love animals" and "we would never buy from anyone that mistreated animals". They showed me the puppy's paperwork listing the breeder's name, address, and phone number. Alex boasted that "she's my best breeder" and suggested I call her directly, which I did. The breeder herself revealed to me that:

She keeps 15 to 20 adult breeding dogs on her premises
Each adult dog is kept in his own enclosure in a detached outside facility
None of the dogs are screened for genetic or hereditary disorders
Dogs are bred before they are two years old
Females are bred six to eight times each and
She "finds homes" for the females when they are done breeding

What's more, I discovered that this particular breeder operated a puppy mill which was raided by Animal Control after a hidden camera expose. The District Attorney filed two 10-count criminal complaints and the breeder pled guilty to four criminal counts of improper enclosures, unsanitary conditions, too many animals, and no notice of available veterinary records. She was ordered to pay restitution to Animal Control and fined.

Here is an excerpt (from an NBC affiliate website): "During the raid the officers found 46 adult dogs and an untold number of puppies. [The breeder was] charged with failing to maintain the health and comfort of the animals. None of the dogs had current rabies vaccinations. There were no records of veterinary care. The charges allege the couple kept 36 dogs confined in wire cages in a cruel and inhumane manner, so as to produce torture. The cages were found in sheds without enough light or air, infested with cockroaches, flies and ants and with a large accumulation of feces and a strong odor of urine."

No thanks, Pawsh Puppies, I'll pass on the \$1,200 Shih-poo.

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Sean, you have completely distorted the facts here. First of all, this is NOT the same kennel that this breeder is running now. This breeder never pleaded guilty to any of these charges and was never charged with anything wrong. You read an article written 8 years ago where the facts were completely misconstrued. This breeder's kennel is currently in full compliance with all USDA inspections and always has been and any of our customers are welcome to that report upon request.

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Lucie S.
Oakland, CA

This place is awful. Went here to look for a nice collar for the pups back home last year while visiting the area. The guy at the counter was rude and barely looked up when we walked in. Puppies looked fairly healthy besides some runny eyes but were withdrawn, poorly socialized and clearly not used to being handled. Go spend your money at a good breeder who cares where their dogs go instead of selling them en masse to a petstore.

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Erin B.

8/6/2009

While I'm going to stay away from the fact that this store sells puppies, I've had better experiences at different pet boutiques. Granted that this store caters to smaller sized dogs, I didn't find a whole