



CITY OF SPARKS
REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Date 11/12/19

Agenda Item No. Public Comment

Name Rene Johnson

Address (Optional)

City/State/Zip Code (Optional) Sparks, NV 89436

Phone (Optional)

I represent (Optional)

I am in attendance concerning: Puppy Stores

[ ] I do not wish to speak, but wish to note my position in favor or in opposition

[X] I wish to speak (for use by city: comment was in favor or in opposition)

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Date 11-12-19 Name Marika Moore Agenda Item No. Public comment

Address (Optional)

City/State/Zip Code (Optional)

Phone (Optional) 775-400-5151

I represent (Optional) Puppy Mill free At Reno / Sparks

I am in attendance concerning: puppy mill store in sparks

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# Indictment: Owner of Puppies Plus, Puppy Love allegedly killed cocker spaniel by denying it care

- Sam Gross, Reno Gazette Journal,  
Published 9:35 a.m. PT Sept. 4, 2019  
Updated 2:51 p.m. PT Sept. 4, 2019



*The storefront of Puppies Plus on South Virginia Street on Sept. 4, 2019. The owners of the store have been indicted on several charges, including animal torture. (Photo: Jason Bean/RGJ)*

“In total, six charges were levied against the pair, with some of those charges being specific to each individual. Those charges include one felony count of torturing and/or killing an animal and five felony counts of practicing veterinary medicine without a license.”



*Michael Schneider, 56, (left) and Leilani Tau-Schneider, 37, (right). (Photo: Washoe County Jail)*

## PUPPY STORES = PUPPY MILLS = ANIMAL CRUELTY

Currently, there are two puppy stores in Northern Nevada; Puppies Plus in Reno and Puppy Love in Sparks. Both are franchises. All animals in pet stores are bred in mills; puppies, rabbits, cats, birds, reptiles, etc., where they live in horrific, cruel and inhumane conditions. Owners and employees of puppy stores say their dogs are AKC registered and U.S.D.A. licensed, deceiving the public into believing that these are credible, upstanding facilities and that the dogs and/or animals, along with their offspring, come from loving environments. This is far from the truth.

The fact is:

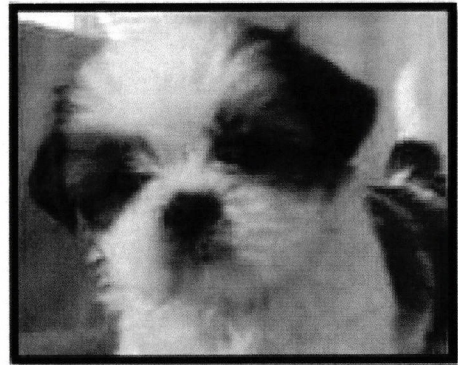
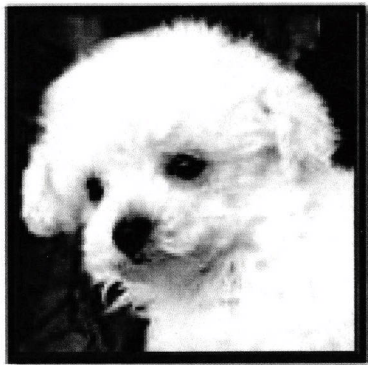
- They never leave their cages, paws never touch the ground, some never see the light of day, unless their cages are outside and then they are not protected from the outside elements.
- They live in their bodily waste, hair matted, starved and forced to reproduce and nurse litter after litter until their little bodies are not able to produce anymore, then they are considered 'no longer useful' and killed.
- They are denied even basic veterinary care, causing dogs to suffer from all kinds of diseases, wounds and injuries.
- Puppies/dogs/animals are shipped across the U.S. to pet stores. Many of them die during transport and if they do make it, they are often plagued with a lifetime of medical problems, dying from these complications and leaving owners with expensive vet bills and heartbreak.

There is currently a mass movement of citizens across the nation, as well as the entire State of Nevada, including Washoe County, who are against purchasing dogs, cats, rabbits and other pets from pet stores, as well as entire cities banning the sale of pets altogether. \* SEE PET STORE BANS BY JURISDICTIONS AT [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org) .

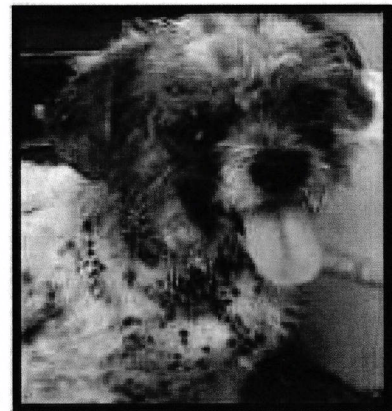
Big Box stores such as Petco ("Think Adoption First") and PetSmart (PetSmart Charities Adoption Centers) stopped selling puppies, kitties and rabbits long ago and support adoption only, through accredited non-profit shelter organizations. Due to public pressure and legislation, Petco and PetSmart have been urged to stop selling all other animals that they currently source from mills.

**LINKS TO INFORMATION ABOUT MILLS:**

[www.humanesociety.org/pupmills](http://www.humanesociety.org/pupmills)  
[www.asPCA.org/animal-cruelty/pupmills](http://www.asPCA.org/animal-cruelty/pupmills)  
[www.pupmillfree.us](http://www.pupmillfree.us)



**SURE WE'RE CUTE BUT HAVE  
YOU SEEN OUR PARENTS?**

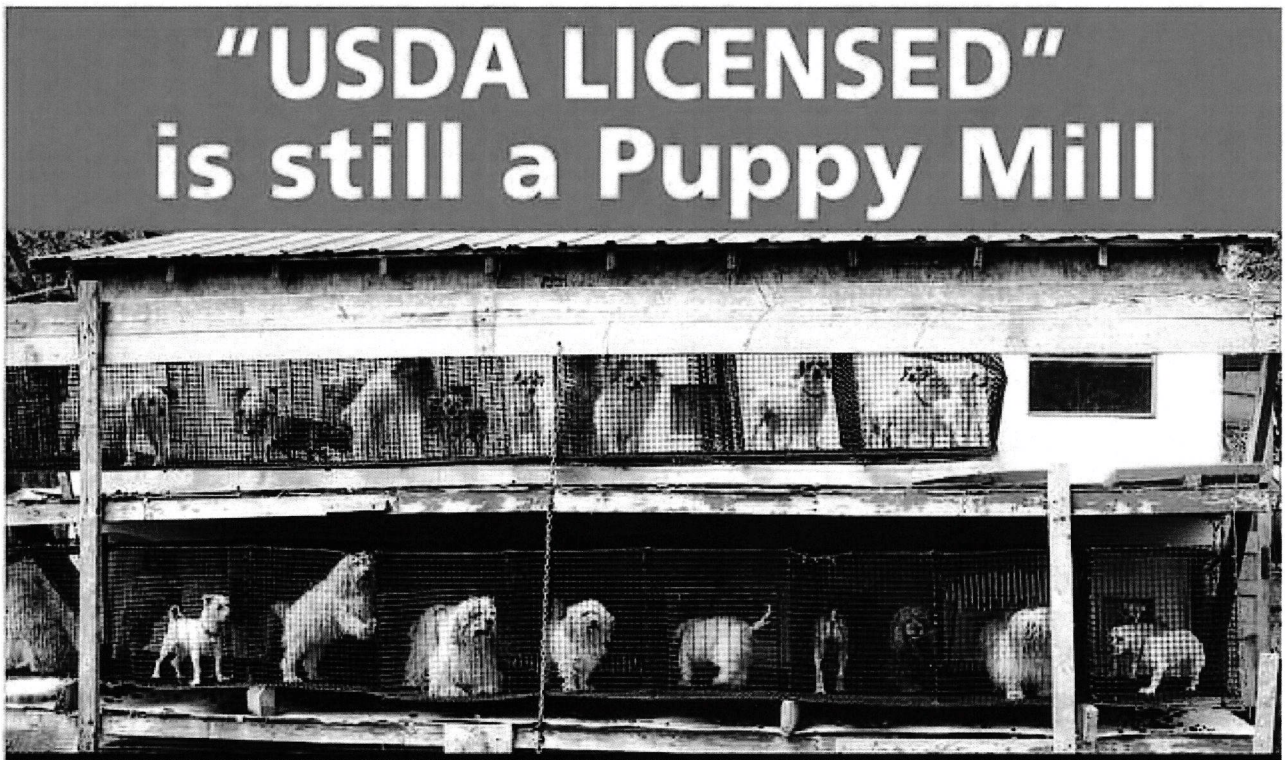


**PET STORE PUPPIES COME FROM PUPPY MILLS.  
BOYCOTT STORES THAT SELL PUPPIES!**

**USDA LICENSING & AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC)  
ACCREDITATION STILL MEANS SUFFERING!**

**Yet another monstrous situation the AKC signed off on.**

Case of Criminal Animal Cruelty and Neglect, 10/2014.



*Please understand, these animals NEVER leave their cages but once in their lives, when they are "gotten rid of."*

*They have no names, the expense of veterinarian care is not spent on them, they never know a kind touch. The only touch they know is when their puppies are taken away from them. They have no names.*

*Studies show these conditions are not the exception; this is the rule for puppy mill breeding where the puppies are sold to the few retail stores that still carry them.*

*Adopting from shelters or a certified non-profit rescue organization usually costs \$45-\$100 with shots and spay/neuter included.*

*PetCo and PetSmart do not sell puppies, kitties or bunnies. —Puppy Mill Free Reno*

Many think that an **American Kennel Club** approved breeder is cruelty-free.  
This Today Show exposé reveals the truth:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO75r-\\_kU5Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO75r-_kU5Y)



**Lily was AKC registered.**

National Mill Dog Rescue

Read Lily's Story here.