



BUYER BEWARE

Puppy Mills and Backyard Breeders

More puppies and kittens are sold during the holiday season than at any other time of year. The Humane Society is happy to see so many homes with new pets. However, we want to make sure our friends understand our concerns with purchasing pets from "puppy mills", "backyard breeders" and "kitty mills." We receive many calls and complaints from pet owners who have purchased pets from these types of businesses.

These operations choose profit over animal welfare and their animals often do not receive proper veterinary care. Animals may seem healthy at first but later may suffer from issues like congenital eye and hip defects, parasites or even the deadly Parvovirus. We want to inform our supporters about these operations and encourage you to adopt from an animal shelter or rescue center. Of the 53 million dogs in the U.S., about two-thirds come from backyard breeders. They are the single greatest cause of the pet overpopulation crisis in this country.

Puppy and kitty mills are commercial breeding facilities that mass-produce dogs and cats for sale directly to consumers through classified ads or the internet. South Carolina does not have laws that regulate commercial breeding kennels that operate for the sole purpose of producing large litters of puppies. Animals that are a part of commercial breeding often spend their entire lives outdoors in poor conditions or inside filthy structures with little to no veterinary care. Females usually have very short, if any, recovery time between litters. When the females can no longer reproduce or when their breed goes out of "style," they are often abandoned or put down.



SAVE A LIFE

The Humane Society needs continued support to bring awareness of the issues we face to the general public and to aid in our capacity to take action against animal overpopulation. **We are asking for your support so that we can continue to work on legislation to add stricter laws for breeders in this state and work with local animal control with these current breeders.** With your help, animals in our community are able to be given a second chance and live a life they rightfully deserve. **Please consider donating today.**



Attention all runners! Our See Spot Run 5k is just around the corner! This year, SSR will be held on Saturday, **November 6th, 2021** at Earlewood Park in Downtown Columbia. Our annual 5k race has been hosted for the past 11 years and is sadly coming to an end. This year's race, "See Spot Run - The End of a Tail", will be the last See Spot Run 5k race hosted by the Humane Society. Don't miss out on a great day with family, prizes, dogs and exercise! Let's make this year's See Spot Run the best one yet! Go to www.humanesc.org for further details and volunteer opportunities.



Scan the **QR Code** to register today!

GIVING TUESDAY

Be sure to mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday on **November 30th!**

Giving Tuesday is a movement to create an international day of charitable giving. The goal is to encourage people all around the globe to show compassion and generosity to organizations and individuals in need. On November 30th, we would like to highlight the importance of generosity this year and encourage others to give back to their community. If you'd like to be a part of this international day of generosity, you can go to www.humanesc.org to donate.

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