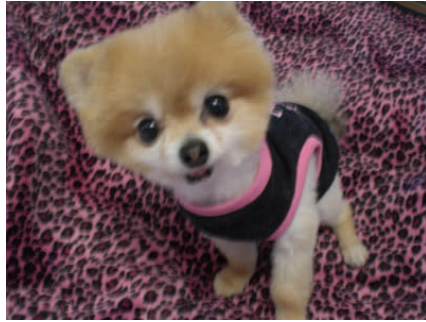


Our Mission



To stop the puppy mill industry in Ohio by raising public awareness through education, outreach, protests and events; to help individuals differentiate irresponsible from responsible breeders; and to promote the adoption of pets through shelters and rescue groups.

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About Marilyn's Voice

Marilyn's Voice was founded in April of 2007 by Kristina Lange. When the owners of the infamous Buckeye Dog Auction announced its sale and relocation to Geauga County, Kristina stepped up to the plate to organize a peaceful protest against the auction, known to cater to puppy mills from Ohio and throughout the United States. After further research, and from her own experience in owning two puppy mill rescues (Marilyn Monrow and Jackie-O), the horrors of what these dogs and puppies go through at the mills and auctions became devastatingly clear. She was further appalled to learn her own state of Ohio is one of the worst states in the number of these puppy mills. Kristina vowed to dedicate her life to fighting this despicable practice.

Through the pressure of city officials, the media, and members of the upcoming protest, the Geauga Dog Auction was cancelled. Unfortunately, the Buckeye Dog Auction then returned to Holmes County. Now that they'd begun the fight, and with a great victory behind them, Kristina and her supporters formed "**Marilyn's Voice.**" The group is named after Kristina's rescue, Marilyn, whose vocal cords were cut while she was still at a

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puppy mill. Such debarking is a common practice in these situations to keep a large number of dogs quiet. The members of **Marilyn's Voice** promise to continue to educate the public about the puppy mill problem in Ohio.

for Marilyn Monrow and Jackie-O, both girls had health, socialization, behavioral, trust, and housebreaking issues when they first came to Kristina in February of 2006.



Marilyn became a certified therapy dog with TDI (Therapy Dogs International). Marilyn loved visiting patients at the hospital and nursing homes where sometimes they are sick, in pain, lonely or depressed. Because she, herself, had felt all these emotions, she could quickly sympathize. Marilyn had a special gift of instantly making others feel loved.

Sadly, Marilyn passed away in November 2007. However, her legacy lives on through the work of **Marilyn's Voice**.



The truth about that “doggy in the window”

Puppies for sale in pet shops and in front of grocery stores, in newspaper ads or on the internet are most likely from puppy mills, or from "backyard breeders" wanting to make a few dollars at your and the animal's expense.

But what IS a puppy mill?



A puppy mill is a substandard breeding facility for dogs. These dogs are kept in the same small wire cage their entire lives, and many never touch foot on grass or solid ground.

A female is bred on her first heat cycle and bred constantly after until she can no longer reproduce, at which point she is killed by being shot, drowned, hit in the head with a heavy object, or starved to death.

These facilities rarely have heat or air conditioning so dogs freeze to death in the winter or die of heat stroke in the summer. Puppies can literally cook to death on the hot wire cage floor.

Frequently, cages are stacked so the puppies and dogs below are urinated and defecated on by the dogs above. That is, if the cage floor has not yet solidified with waste from years of not being cleaned.



Puppies are taken from their mothers at too young an age to be crammed into a semi and shipped to pet stores across the country. Though pet stores typically cannot sell puppies until they are 8 weeks old, this does not mean they are this old when their long journey on the road begins.

But if I buy that puppy in the window, aren't I rescuing him?

As tempting as it is to buy that cute puppy in the window, knowing his past has probably been one of pure hell, you are not doing a good deed by purchasing him. Even your one purchase is supporting the puppy mill industry by creating demand.

Don't even think of buying the puppy (or anything else) from the store! You will only be consigning its parents--and future generations--to more misery, abuse, and despair in the puppy mills. (Remember: Pet store puppy buyers are the sole reason puppy mills exist.)

Purchasing that one puppy may also end up being the most expensive purchase you'll make. Many puppies purchased from pet stores become sick shortly after being taken home. It is then that the many, many ailments this puppy is suffering from such a hard beginning become clear.

Right in your own backyard...

Many people in Ohio do not realize that we are



one of the top ranking states in the number of puppy mills. Until we can educate the public about the reality of where dogs in pet stores, on the internet, and in newspaper ads come from, the problem will continue.

What can I do to help?

- The most important thing you can do to help stop puppy mills is to never purchase a puppy from a pet store or irresponsible breeder.
- Contact us for digital copies of posters or information to hang in your neighborhood at places such as veterinary offices, pet supply stores, grocery stores, dog parks, etc.
- Join us on our protests. The more people who come to our protests, the louder our voice will be heard.
- Send a donation. Unfortunately, producing educational pieces, advertising, and rescuing puppy mill puppies is not cheap. Your donation is greatly appreciated.



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Meet Teentsy!

rescued from a puppy mill in Louisiana by a group called PAW (Lake Area Partnership for Animal Welfare) and lovingly fostered by Sheila Gilley, Teentsy was adopted by Marilyn's Voice Foundation by Kristina Lange.



Teentsy has a sad story, spending her first 8 years of her life in a puppy mill in horrible conditions and having her teeth removed by her doctor with pliers after they rotted. Teentsy has no bottom jaw now because of this barbaric treatment.

Teentsy has stepped up to become Marilyn's Voice's new spokesperson! She has helped the organization spread the word with her story by offering unconditional love to all she meets despite her sad start in life.

We encourage people to join Marilyn's Voice at a protest, a benefit or an adoption event to meet this special little girl.

