



Key Issues:

- “Retail rescue” – importation of dogs from profit under the guise of legitimate rescue – is a major problem, according to the CDC
- Thousands of dogs and puppies are imported into Illinois each year from major “puppy mill” states with lax animal welfare laws
- Some Illinois rescues get 80% of their dogs from out-of-state
- It is unclear where these “rescues” actually come from. Importation records don’t show the true origin.
- Transportation is stressful for animals and can spread deadly disease

PAWS Chicago

Importing from: AR

Adoption fees:

\$200 - \$450

Revenue (2020): \$15.1m

Wright-Way Rescue

Importing from: MS

Adoption fees:

\$345 - \$545

Revenue (2020): \$3.4m

Anderson Humane

Importing from: OK

Adoption fees:

\$125 - \$525

Revenue (2020): \$4.6m

Jellystone Bark’s Rescue Rangers

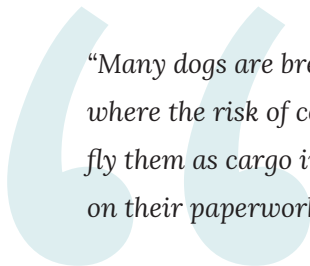
Importing from: KY

Adoption fees:

Up to \$895

Revenue (2020): 273k

	Imports	Surrenders	Strays	In-State Transfer	Import Rate
PAWS Chicago 2021	1590	296	2	251	74.3%
PAWS Chicago 2022	1177	288	4	246	68.6%
Wright Way 2021	3590	0	27	853	80.3%
Wright Way 2022	3363	1195	52	93	71.5%
Anderson Humane 2021	1820	322	44	0	83.3%
Anderson Humane 2022	1819	321	3	0	84.9%
Jellystone Bark 2022	1688	0	0	4	99.7%



“Many dogs are bred irresponsibly in large numbers in “puppy mills” overseas, where the risk of congenital abnormalities and disease is high. Importers then fly them as cargo in large batches, claiming them as “rescue” dogs, valued at \$0 on their paperwork, and allowing the importers to evade entry and broker fees.”

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PAWS Chicago reprimanded by Illinois Department of Agriculture for illegally importing animals in 2021.

February 3, 2021

PAWS Chicago
3516 W. 26th Street
Chicago, IL 60623
License 087-10094 (Docket # 2021-0015)

NOTICE OF WARNING (ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE #2021-0015)

Dear PAWS,

On or around January 20, 2021, an investigation was conducted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture regarding potential violations of the Animal Welfare Act. As a result of this investigation, you have been found to be noncompliant with the Illinois Animal Welfare Act. Specifically, you are in violation of 8 Illinois Administrative code section 25.47, which states, in relevant part: "Licensees shall not cause animals to be imported into Illinois from another state or country, unless the animals are accompanied by a health certificate and an entry permit number that satisfy the following requirements: Health Certificate Requirements... Entry Permit Number Requirements". A copy of the relevant section is enclosed.

While the accredited veterinarian issuing a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and/or other documents required for the interstate movement of animals is obligated to meet the requirements of the state of destination and origination, as well as Federal interstate movement requirements, it is your responsibility as a licensee to ensure that all CVI's you receive for interstate movement comply with the Illinois Animal Welfare Act and its Administrative Rules.

Violation(s) of the Illinois Animal Welfare Act and/or its Administrative Rules, are subject to the administrative penalties set forth in 225 ILCS 605/2.5. The minimum fine is \$1,000.

Please be advised that a copy of this warning letter will be placed in your file.

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Dockets Report

Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Welfare
Docket Findings Report

Docket Number: 2021-0015
Date Assigned: 1/26/2021
Method: Email

Type: Animal Welfare
Species: Dogs
Taken By: JG
Assigned to: Jose Gullien
First Contact Date:
Closed Date: 3/15/2021

Respondent's Name: PAWS CHICAGO
Address: 3516 WEST 26TH STREET
City and State: CHICAGO, IL 60623-3908
County: COOK

Directions / Location:

Description of Complaint:
The respondent received dogs from out of state Arkansas during the mid month of January 2021 without permit numbers on the health certificates.

August 2022 import from Oklahoma to Illinois showing “beagle” and “doodle” puppies. This Oklahoma facility says it has transported 14,000 animals since 2014.

Name of Consignor/Owner	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Name of Consignee	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
Happy Paws	2282 N. Broadway	Cherokee	OK	74142	918-260-3530	Anderson Animal Shelter	1000 S. LaFox St.	South Elgin	IL	60177	847-697-2880

NUMBER IN SHIPMENT = 40	Animal Status	Breed	Sex	Age	Purpose of Movement (check all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep/Goat <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog/Cat <input type="checkbox"/> TB Free <input type="checkbox"/> TB MIA <input type="checkbox"/> BR Free <input type="checkbox"/> BR A <input type="checkbox"/> Other				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERSTATE <input type="checkbox"/> INTRASTATE <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing <input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Adoption

OFFICIAL/ASDA EARTAG NUMBER OR OTHER OFFICIAL ID	Color	Breed	Sex	Age	VACCINATION	Negative Test Date	Accession #	Date of Negative Results (72 hrs)	Negative Test Date	Negative Test Date	Negative Test Date
1	Doodle/Pup	BK/Wh	M	N							
2	Beagle/Pup	BK/Wh	M	N							
3		BK	M	N							
4		BK/Wh	F	S							
5		BK/Wh	F	S							
6	Molly	BK/Wh	F	S							
7	Molly/Pup	Black	F	S							
8		BK	F	S							
9		BK	M	N							
10		BK	M	N							

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