

## Care About Dogs? Support Breeder Standards Legislation

**Breeder Standards Legislation** provide real protections for dogs and directly take on puppy mills.

Here's how Breeder Standards Legislation protect dogs:

- ✓ Sets standards of care for breeding mothers. This will make Illinois a national leader in ensuring animal welfare at professional breeders.
- ✓ Ensures that a licensed veterinarian oversees all plans related to each puppy and parent.
- ✓ Expands transparency requirements and reinstates strong recordkeeping regulations.
- ✓ Provides the Illinois Department of Agriculture with additional enforcement tools while also allowing the Attorney General and individuals to bring enforcement actions as well. Additionally, IDOA will be able to inspect dog dealers at any time to ensure regulations are being followed.
- ✓ Prevents all Illinois entities from acquiring dogs from puppy mills.
- ✓ Protects puppies from the black market by providing regulated retail sales. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned about a growing black market in trafficked pets, which may even come from foreign puppy mills.

