Flea markets remain one of the last unregulated markets for inhumane puppy millers to sell dogs to consumers. (65464 signatures on petition). It's no surprise these little puppies are often sick. In fact, one vendor from a Canton, TX flea market stated that "there are more dogs that die here from parvo than anything else." But for these puppies, even escaping illness doesn't mean survival. At the end of the trading day, many dealers callously dispose of the dogs they can't sell — killing or just abandoning them to their fate. Several states already have laws restricting the sale of puppies at flea markets, swap meets, and other roadside venues. Puppy mill animals have no human socialization or contact with other dogs (except when it’s time for breeding). Puppies are taken from their mothers too quickly (often as soon as four weeks). So, people usually don't buy directly from puppy mills. But when they buy from flea markets, yard sales, pet stores, or by responding to newspaper or online ads, the chances are very good that they’re buying for a puppy mill. I have had two litters from Janice and Leroy, and it would never even enter my mind to place any of the puppies in a pet store. In fact, they can end up hurting anyone who comes in contact with a dog that becomes mentally unstable or aggressive because of its early life. So, what can we do? Learn about puppy mills and why they are inhumane and find out how to avoid puppy mills and to help stop their operations. We often hear about the horrors of puppy mills in the media, through animal welfare and advocacy groups, and from fellow dog lovers. What actually defines a puppy mill? Why are puppy mills a problem? What can we do about puppy mills? What Is a Puppy Mill? The term puppy mill is used to describe a large-scale commercial dog breeding enterprise. Sometimes called puppy farms, these operations tend to house their dogs and puppies in squalid conditions and focus on profit over the health and well-being of the animals. Puppy mills do not actually refer to their businesses as such; they usually sim