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Puppy Mills: Facts and Figures

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10,000	Estimated number of puppy mills in the U.S. (both licensed and unlicensed)
1,924	Number of USDA Class A and B licensed facilities that breed dogs for the pet trade
167,388	Estimated number of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes in USDA-licensed facilities
108,802	Estimated number of female dogs kept for breeding at USDA-licensed facilities
9.4	Estimated number of puppies per breeding female per year
1,022,740	Estimated number of puppies produced by USDA-licensed facilities each year
2.04 million	Estimated number of puppies sold annually who originated from puppy mills – USDA-licensed and non-USDA licensed
25%	Estimated percentage of dogs in animal shelters who are purebred
3 million	Estimated number of dogs and cats euthanized by shelters every year in the U.S.
\$4.00 - \$7.00	International City/County Management Association budgeting recommendation, per capita, for animal control programs
\$500,000	Estimated cost of a puppy mill bust involving 250 animals