

Puppy Mill Pups

A puppy mill is a large-scale dog breeding operation in which the potential for profit is given priority over the well-being of the dogs—both those being bred and the puppies that are born. Because puppy mill breeders usually fail to apply good husbandry practices, dogs with congenital and hereditary conditions are often not removed from the gene pool, resulting in sick puppies or, more often, in seemingly healthy puppies who are, in fact, ticking time bombs for health problems. Often these puppies are sold to pet stores, and lineage paperwork for purebred dogs is frequently falsified.

1. Which of the following paragraphs do you think would mostly likely precede this paragraph?

- A. Nothing likely precedes it; this is an opening paragraph.
- B. A paragraph about how to ensure you are getting a healthy dog.
- C. A paragraph with a real-world example of what it is like to own a puppy mill puppy.

2. Which of the following paragraphs do you think would mostly likely follow this paragraph?

- A. Nothing likely follows it; this is a concluding paragraph.
- B. A paragraph about how to ensure you are getting a healthy dog.
- C. A paragraph with a real-world example of what it is like to own a puppy mill puppy.

3. Analyze the structure of the paragraph, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining its key concept.

