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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am taking advantage of the comments week regarding puppy mills that ends this Friday. I am hoping that I can make a difference in the decision to ban all puppy mills in PA.

I can not stress the devastation I experienced when my dog, Freddie, died after 10 years of being sick and going through horrible seizures. I obtained Freddie from what I thought was a reputable place only to find out she and her siblings were in fact bred at a puppy mill. Her sickness did not appear until she was 2 years old and it cost me thousands and thousands of dollars to treat her. I do not believe in putting an animal down unless they are in pain or suffering in some way but eventually that is exactly what I had to do. Make the traumatic decision to put my dog down and going through that experience has scarred me.

I am thankful I did not have any children at the time who were attached to my dog. I now have a son and I would love for him to grow up with a canine companion. However, I am hesitant with the fear of purchasing a puppy who was bred in a puppy mill.

From what I have read, the animals are not treated well and are living in ugly conditions in some of the puppy mills.

Please don't let another heart be broken by the devastation of losing a cherished pet, only because some greedy person has found a way to make money at the cost of an animal's life.

Sincerely,
Renee McKinnon
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