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All,

I am a Pennsylvania resident and have rescued two puppy mill survivors via Main Line Animal Rescue, MLAR. I'm attaching their photographs.

My smaller lab, Dixie, lost an eye in the puppy mills through abuse. She has numerous scars on her body, and one of her legs is shorter than the other, presumably from having been caged for so long during her growing years. When you feel her bones under her fur, you can feel the mottles and bone scars from clearly being beaten.

My big yellow lab, Banjo, has no physical scars, but countless psychological scars. We joke about it, but he is a shut-in. He feels safe only in our house, or on an empty forest trail with no strangers in sight. He will not even walk around the block for fear of men, trucks, loud noises or sudden movement.

I can't even tell you how much joy they have brought to our home. They show so much love, and are such grateful recipients of the care we give them.

Therefore, I was shocked and appalled to hear about changes being implemented in terms of wire flooring for cages, and no exercise access for pregnant and nursing mothers.

Puppy mills condemn loving dogs to suffering and hardship for pure profit, and I really hope you will do everything you can in your power to limit how many more puppies end up with the scars mine have.

I was only able to rescue two, but you have the ability to impact thousands.

Sincerely,
Alison Garen



