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Under our new dog laws (Act 119), solid floors are REQUIRED for the ENTIRE surface of the floor in the dogs' cages.

I spent some time last week helping out at a local rescue when many puppy mill dogs came in from Lancaster County. If you could have seen the condition that these poor animals have been forced to live in, you would be sick. They were covered with fleas and ticks, and their fur was so matted that several of them could not even walk--the mats were tangled around their legs and attached to their bellies. Their feces were stuck in the mats on their hind quarters.

I will never forget the expression on their faces. They were so weak and beaten they did not even try to resist as we sheared off huge mats and pulled the fleas off of their bodies.

I can't imagine why a society as "advanced" as ours has allowed such animal cruelty to persist, because these animals are being used to make a profit for the puppy mills. How is it that the puppy mills are not thoroughly investigated, and close down if they are unwilling to provide HUMANE treatment for their animals? I am personally against using animals for profit, but if laws cannot be written to protect them from that, at the very least, laws can be written to insure a baseline of humane treatment.

Please watch the following video so you can begin to understand from your own observation what is happening, and what needs to be stopped.

Thank you.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GY0OV-QBWo> (Puppy mill dog unable to walk after be housed on painful wire flooring. Thanks, DVGRR.)