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The lives of puppy mill breeding females don't have happy endings. These are not well-loved pets, who are simply earning their keep.

When they are ultimately abandoned, they are traumatized and weathered from being repeatedly and forcibly bred, starting as early as 6 months of age. They are traumatized by having their puppies removed from them to be sold too young: and as many as 15 or 20 litters.

They live their entire miserable hopeful lives in stacks of crates in garages or barns. I adopted an ~8 year old female German Shepard from a County Rescue. She had been picked up 2 months earlier: emaciated, collar embedded into her flesh, poorly healed from being hit by a car, unneutered, unchipped, evidence of multiple litters, and bad hip genetics, such that she could barely squat or walk much distance without a great deal of pain. The shelter had made a valiant investment of time, money, expertise, and love, into her because they knew her to be: a sweet girl, exceptionally beautiful and smart, and deserving of a kind forever home. A local German Shepard Rescue Trainer believed that she, like many others, had been abandoned in the Gresham area by a Puppy Mill operator. No one had ever called looking for her or filed a lost pet report-even going back a year. She was hard of seeing, no depth perception, terrified of other dogs and strangers, anxious, in constant pain and only comfortable in her crate. Our rescue dog had never been in a house, seen a vacuum, a cell phone, played with another dog, chased a ball, played in a pool, or gone for a walk. She didn't survive, because she had been used up and then thrown away. Please stop puppy mill operators from being able to sell their puppy inventory at pet stores, at a distance from the Breeders actual facility. Please make it so that puppy buyers have to actually come to the Breeder; where hopefully they will be responsible enough, to look out back...