STOP THE PUPPY MILL PIPELINE **VOTE YES ON HB 2915**



KAYLA'S STORY

Kayla was born into a puppy mill in Southern Oregon, and she unfairly bore all the physical scars of the typical mill survivor. Before being rescued, the only identity she had was as breeder #10, which is easy for me to remember since the number was tattooed on her left ear. She spent her first five years living in a cage so small and dark that when she was rescued, she barely knew how to walk and was extremely sensitive to sunlight. She never barked, not because I'm a great dog trainer but because the mill owners cut her vocal cords. She had permanent hearing damage in one ear due to an untreated infection, and when she inevitably caught kennel cough, it developed into pneumonia and eventually pulmonary fibrosis. Despite earning thousands of dollars selling Kayla's puppies, the mill owners couldn't be bothered to spend even \$20 on antibiotics, which could have prevented her fibrosis.

When I adopted Kayla, she was labeled a hospice dog with only months to live. Yet, Kayla defied all odds and lived her best life for another three years! Despite her horrific beginnings and lung disease, she was the most loving and happy little dog imaginable. Her ability to trust people after the horrors of mill life is inspirational – it reminds me just how much we can truly learn from animals. I wish that Kayla's mill experience was unique, but it is unfortunately far too common. This is what motivates me to spread awareness whenever I can – I owe it to Kayla as a way to repay her love and trust in me. For Kayla and all the other mill dogs out there, I encourage you to support HB 2915 and end the puppy mill pipeline in Oregon.

STOP THE PIPELINE:

Oregon is the only market left open on the West Coast for pet stores that sell puppies. Both California and Washington have enacted laws prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores. That's why passing HB 2915 is more important than ever, to help end the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline and continue to drive the pet industry toward more humane sources, like shelters, rescues, and responsible breeders.



About Kayla's Foundation: We are a Facebook group of dedicated dog lovers working to honor Kayla's very special legacy by educating people about puppy mills and raising funds for rescue dogs with medical needs.



-Carolyn Lee, Kayla's Mom and Founder of Kayla's Foundation

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