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Until there is better protection for puppies and kittens at the large licensed breeders legislation like HB 2915 needs to be passed to discourage their inhumane treatment. The USDA was given the duty to inspect the breeding facilities by the Animal Welfare Act. The closest USDA inspection officer for Oregon is in their Fort Collins, Colorado office. Inspections are mostly nonexistent.

For example there is a dog breeder in Oakland, OR (Roseburg) Na Na Land Kennels who breeds Faux Frenchie's. They are licensed for 100 dogs and puppies, last fall they had 350 stuffed into cages meant for the 100. The cages are filthy as is the entire facility. The dogs are mostly unhealthy a result of the over crowding and unsanitary conditions with no Vet care. Since deaths are a common occurrence a freezer is kept in the large room so the bodies can be put in it, when full the bodies are taken to the landfill and disposed of. The sick dogs, and many of the conditions are known by the rural community, including the local Vets, but no one reports it because they don't want to get involved. The county animal control officer was contacted by people from Portland and asked to help, after we reported them to the USDA, he was able to remove about 70. A person hired by Na Na Land Kennels to care for the dogs a few hours a day (only stayed 3 days before quitting) couldn't get help in Roseburg for the dogs so she contacted people in the Portland animal rescue community to get help. I contacted the USDA, ODA & OHS. The Oregon Humane Society said they couldn't do anything unless the Douglas County authorities contacted them, which they didn't. Puppy Mills aren't the jurisdiction of the ODA. The USDA will only inform us if they inspected with a formal FOIA request. These conditions are not unusual at most commercial breeders. They keep themselves away from populated areas to keep public contact to a minimum.

The conditions at the facilities and the treatment and health of the dogs and puppies are nightmarish. I only stated a few minor ones so you could sleep.

In addition to their puppy mill they also have a mini-horse breeding ranch called NaNa Land Ranch also in Oakland. A local Vet told a local resident some of the horses are in such bad condition they should be put down.

HB 2915 will help a little but so much more needs to be done to protect animals from greedy breeders only interested in money not the welfare of the animal at any stage. These puppies and dogs are not socialized in their living conditions and many have health conditions the buyers become responsible for if they survive. Please help these puppies by voting Aye.

