



"For pet stores, most of their animals are acquired from puppy mills. ... Puppy mills are often backyard operations that expose animals to filthy, overcrowded conditions with no veterinary care or socialization."

JOAQUIN PHOENIX

"The pet overpopulation problem isn't going to fix itself, and neither is your pet. **Get your pet spayed or neutered.**"

BILL MAHER



HELP US END ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS

DITA VON TEESE

"One of the things that bothers me most ... is people that acquire pets, and then they get tired of them or they decide that they can't care for them. **When you decide to have a pet, it's a lifetime commitment, a lifetime with that pet.**"



CHARLIZE THERON

"As long as there's a market for their babies, dogs will continue to be bred, neglected, and killed at puppy mills."



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WHO'S THE BIGGEST KILLER OF DOGS AND CATS IN AMERICA?

Breeders, pet stores, and people who don't spay or neuter their animal companions sentence more than **4 million** dogs and cats to death each year.

Breeding Animals Is Killing Animals

Every year, 6 to 8 million unwanted cats and dogs end up in animal shelters—approximately half of them must be euthanized because of one simple fact: There are too many animals and not enough good homes. Every time someone buys a cat or dog from a breeder or a pet store instead of adopting a homeless animal from an animal shelter, a shelter animal loses a chance at finding a home—a chance at life. And since it is virtually unheard of for breeders and pet stores to require that the animals they sell be sterilized, many will have litters of their own, creating even more unwanted animals.

Goal: A No-Birth Nation

The solution is simple: spaying and neutering. Spaying one female dog can prevent 67,000 births in six years,

and spaying one female cat can prevent 420,000 births in seven years—animals who will never suffer, never end up abandoned on the streets or dumped at an animal shelter. Animals who are spayed or neutered also live healthier, longer lives and are less likely to roam, fight, or bite. Puppies and kittens can be safely sterilized at 8 weeks of age!

Practice Your ABCs

Animal Birth Control
Please help end the companion animal overpopulation crisis: **Refuse to buy animals from breeders or pet stores. Always adopt. Always spay and neuter.**

