

DO NOT SIGN the puppy mill initiative petition

What is the Puppy Mill Initiative?

The purpose of this initiative is to:

2. prohibit the cruel and inhumane treatment of dogs in **PUPPY MILLS** by requiring **LARGE-SCALE DOG BREEDING OPERATIONS** to provide each dog under their care with basic food and water, adequate shelter from the elements, necessary veterinary care, adequate space to turn around and stretch his or her limbs, and regular exercise.

- If this bill is to stop the cruelty of puppy mills, **WHY IS IT TARGETING LEGITIMATE BUSINESS PEOPLE THAT ARE LICENSED?**
- **WHY IS IT TARGETING SHOW AND HOBBY BREEDERS AND PEOPLE WHO CRATE THEIR DOGS WHILE AT WORK?**

No longer will you be able to determine if you are capable to care for your property, the law does it for you.

What is a puppy mill?

- **THERE IS NO LEGAL DEFINITION OF A PUPPY MILL.**
- This term was created by the sponsors of this initiative.
- It is the **EQUIVALENT OF A RACIAL SLUR** to **LEGITIMATE LICENSED BUSINESS OWNERS** who own and operate commercial kennels;
- Or to **ANYONE** who breeds dogs.
- The puppy mill initiative defines a puppy mill as a **LARGE SCALE BREEDING OPERATION who is licensed by the Missouri State Agriculture Dept.**

By putting the top **LIMIT OF 50 DOGS, REGARDLESS OF SEX AND OVER THE AGE OF 6 MONTHS**, ownership of property would now be defined for residents in the state of Missouri.
By putting the **MINIMUM NUMBER OF 10 FEMALE DOGS OVER THE AGE OF 6 MONTHS**, large scale breeding operations are defined by this number.

Who has the right to limit the ownership of legal licensed business owners in property?

NO ONE

