



# DOGS IN AMERICA

## FACT SHEET

*“It’s a total myth for anybody to say or think that every American who wants a dog can go to a shelter and find one.”*

Mark Cushing of the Animal Policy Group

**76M**

Pet dogs in America

**83%**

Dogs Spayed/Neutered

**8M**

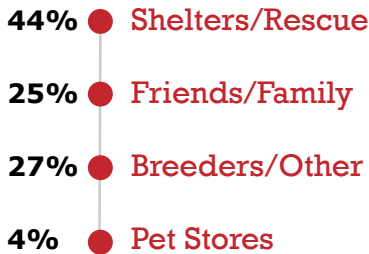
Annual Dog Demand

**3.3M**

Dogs Enter Shelters Annually

According to American Veterinarian Medical Association’s 2017-2018 pet ownership study, **76M** dogs live in the United States. Douglas Quenqua from the New York Times reported that **83%** of all dogs in America are either spayed or neutered. Kim Kavin reported in the Washington Post demand for dogs in 2016 reached **8M**. ASPCA pet statistics website states **3.3M** dogs enter shelters annually and **620,000** are reunited with their owners.

### Where Americans Say They Got Their Dogs



Source: www.animalsheltering.org “Pets by the Numbers”



### Benefits of Pet Store Dogs

- Breeder standards of care
- State and federal breeder inspections
- Consumer protection laws
- Record of health and vaccinations
- Consumer choice and education



### Meeting the Demand for Dogs

Annual Dog Demand

**8,000,000**

Shelter Dogs Available (after 620k reunited)\*

**2,680,000**

Gap In Demand

**5,320,000**

\* Source: ASPCA Pet Statistics

### Rescue Dog Imports

“The importation of dogs into the United States poses a risk for the introduction of rabies and other zoonotic diseases.”

Source: Zoonoses and Public Health

In 2019, USDA reported 1M dogs are imported into the US annually.

New Asia-1 distemper virus introduced into USA from Korea rescue dogs.



### Retail Pet Sale Bans Have Not:

Shut Down “Puppy Mills”

Improved Animal Welfare

Eliminated Puppy Sales Over the Internet

Reduced shelter population