

# Backyard Breeding:

**DON'T SUPPORT IT, REPORT IT.**

Buying from illicit breeders exacerbates the pet overpopulation crisis and contributes to animal cruelty and neglect. Instead, adopt from your local care center.



## WHY YOU SHOULDN'T PURCHASE FROM ILLICIT BREEDERS:





- **Unsafe:** No use of best practices for disease prevention or animal health
- **Unethical:** backyard breeders profit off the suffering of animals.
- **Unnecessary:** Shelters are full, and backyard breeders contribute to higher euthanasia rates.



## SPOT THE RED FLAGS:

- 🚩 Lack of proper documentation or paperwork for the breeding dogs
- 🚩 Breeding dogs kept in poor living conditions (e.g., dirty or cramped cages)
- 🚩 Excessive number of different breeds being bred on-site
- 🚩 Selling puppies at unusually low prices compared to reputable breeders
- 🚩 Lack of screening potential buyers or asking minimal questions

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-  Inadequate health care and lack of genetic testing for hereditary health issues
-  Absence of a contract or health guarantee for the puppies
-  Breeder unwilling to allow potential buyers to visit the facility (i.e, selling out of a car trunk or in public spaces)
-  Selling puppies before they are at least 8 weeks old, which is considered too early for separation from the mother

## LA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

### Agoura

29525 Agoura Rd,  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

### Baldwin Park

4275 Elton St,  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

### Carson/Gardena

216 W Victoria St,  
Gardena, CA 90248

### Castaic

31044 Charlie Canyon Rd,  
Castaic, CA 91384

### Downey

11258 Garfield Ave,  
Downey, CA 90242

### Palmdale

38550 Sierra Hwy,  
Palmdale, CA 93550

### Lancaster

5210 W Ave I,  
Lancaster, CA 93536



## REPORT ILLICIT BREEDERS:



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