

FROM CHAPTER 9

LOVE GONE BAD

“PUPPY MILLS – COMMERCIAL BREEDING”

Evil: I cannot think of a more perfect description for puppy mills where literally thousands of dogs are reared on a bastardized agricultural model. In spite of the shameful numbers of dogs and cats who are abandoned and homeless, we want more and more and more. Unscrupulous breeders, who care not about the future or integrity of a breed but only their own financial futures, use ruthless, deplorable methods to mass produce dogs. Cats have been saved from the puppy mill breeding farms imposed on dogs. The exact number of puppy mills is not known because their owners often fail to register their operations as is required by law. Estimates of more than 4,000 have been attributed to the Humane Society of the United States, but the exact number will never be known.

We may not know how many there are, but we know what they do, and Puppy Haven Kennel, which is north of Madison, Wisconsin is typical of their wretched operations. It is a 1,600 “dog compound” that sells 3,000 puppies a year. Nearly a thousand dogs are housed in a series of long building, cordoned off by chain link fencing, and one whelping house has 4,300 square feet filled with 400 dogs most of them puppies in 120 elevated cages. Fourteen employees, some part-time family members, care for the animals. That means one person to care for around 115 puppies each day, if you just count the puppies. “

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