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## Help Protect Against Puppy Mills

### Your Guide to Ensuring Pet Stores are Utilizing Responsible Breeders

Arizona recently passed a state law requiring pet stores to disclose the source of its animals on all in-store and online marketing materials, and includes a three-strike penalty for stores who continue to buy puppies or kittens from breeders that violate federal animal welfare laws.

The new law requires pet stores to clearly display the following information on each animal's cage and in all online marketing materials:

- Name of breeder
- USDA license number for breeders required to be licensed under USDA\*
- The federal website where prospective pet buyers can look up information about the breeder

The law also requires Arizona pet dealers to source their puppies from breeders that have not violated provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

You can help combat puppy mills by:

1. Visiting your local pet store (in person or online) and making sure the correct information is being clearly displayed.
2. Looking up the USDA license and confirming the breeder is in good standing.

\*Breeders that own four or less breeding female dogs or cats on premises and sell offspring that are born and raised on premises, as pets, are exempt from USDA licensure.

The following guide provides instructions on what information you should look for and how to access the USDA's website to research breeder information.

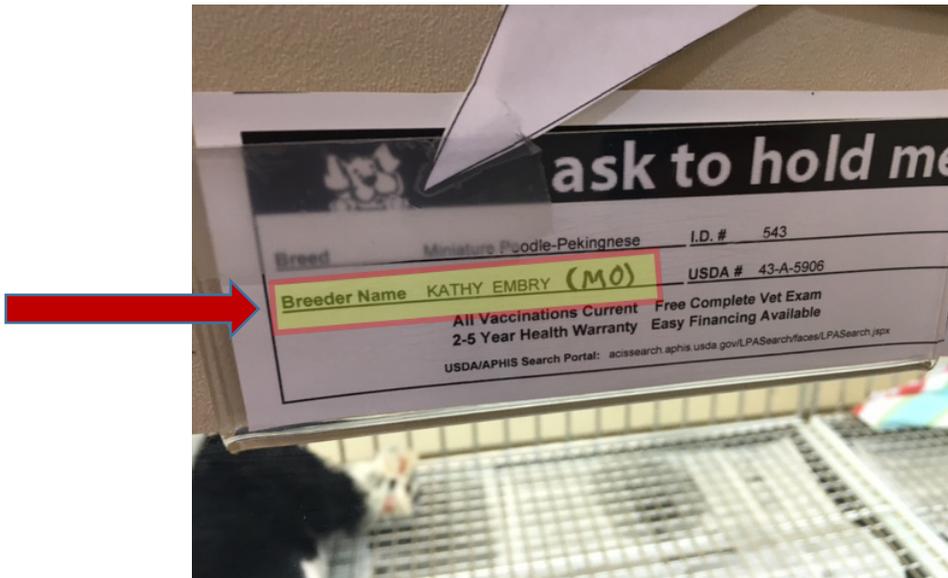


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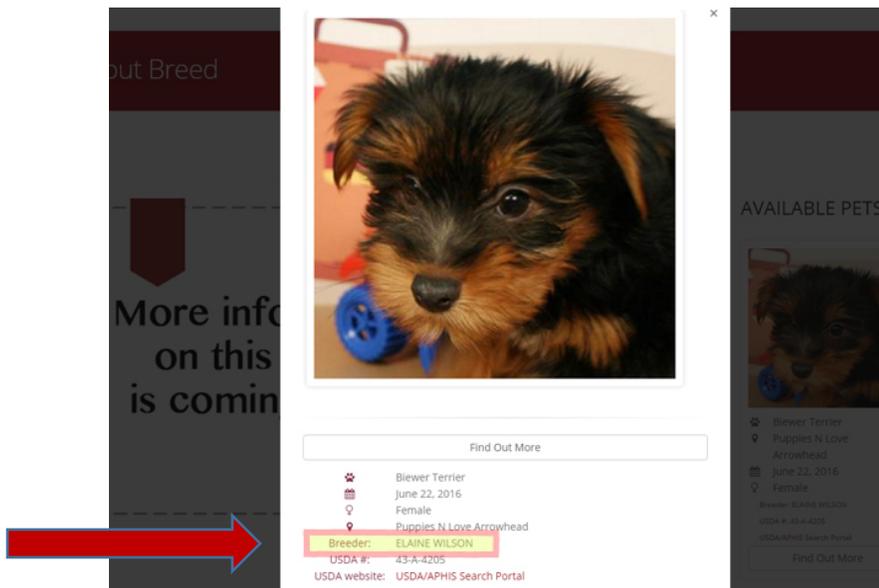
## STEP 1: Look for Name of Breeder

Pet stores must include the name of the breeder each animal is being sourced from. Breeder information should appear similar to the below example:

### In Store



### Online



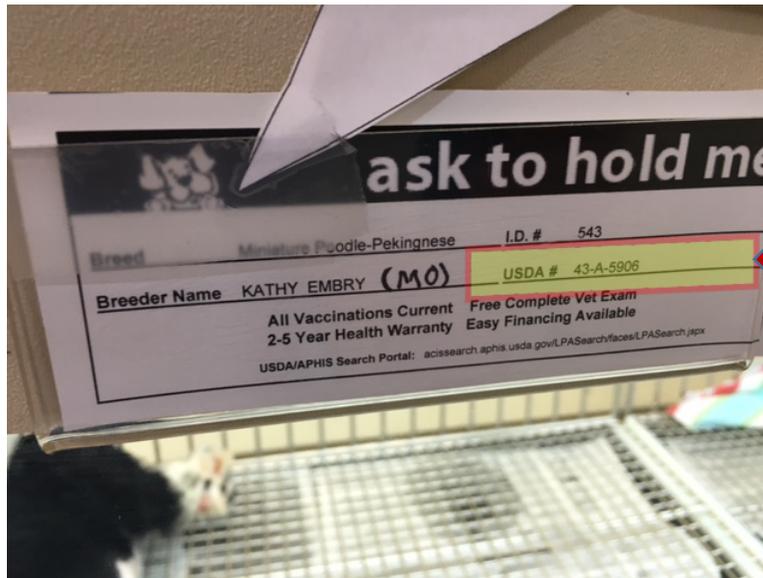


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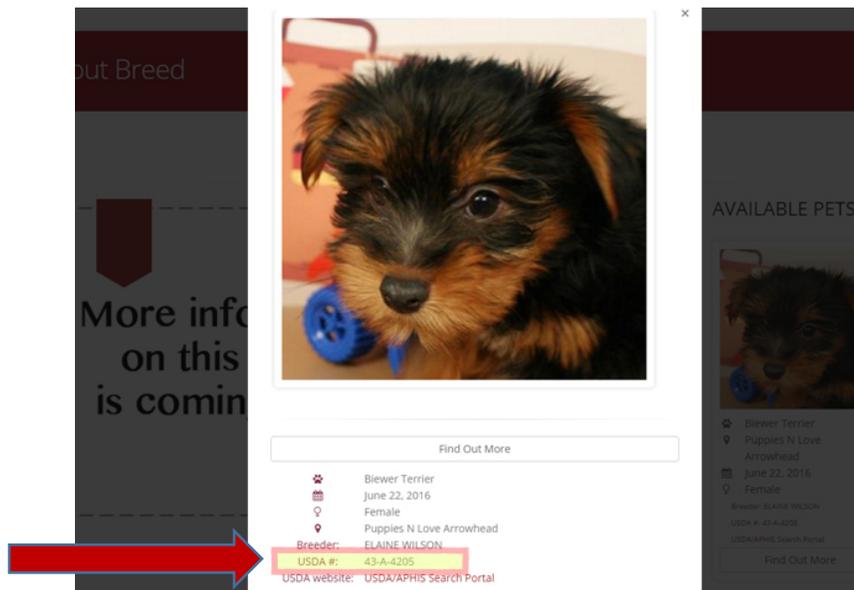
## STEP 2: Look for the USDA License Number

Pet stores must include the USDA license number for the breeder each pet is being sourced from. The USDA license number should appear similar to the below example:

### In Store



### Online



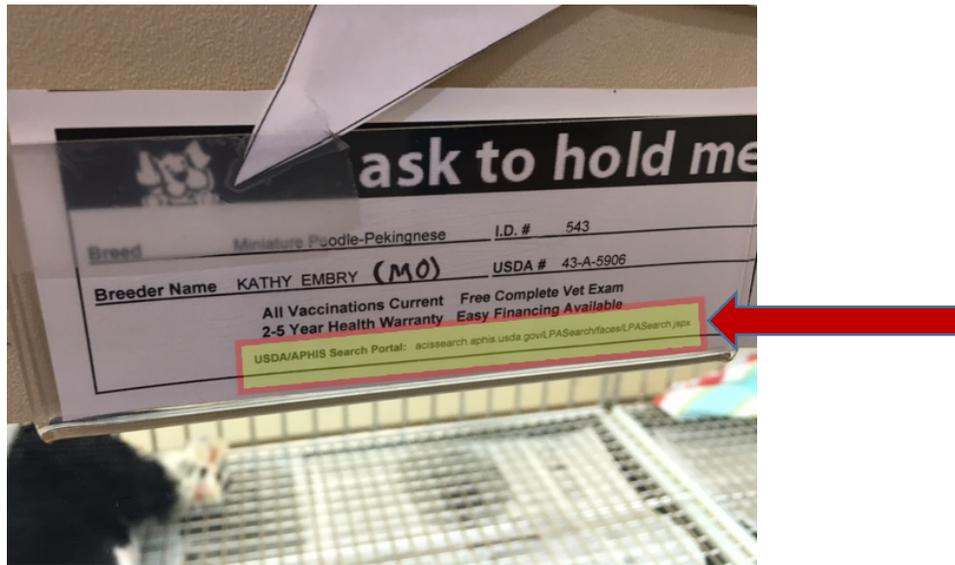


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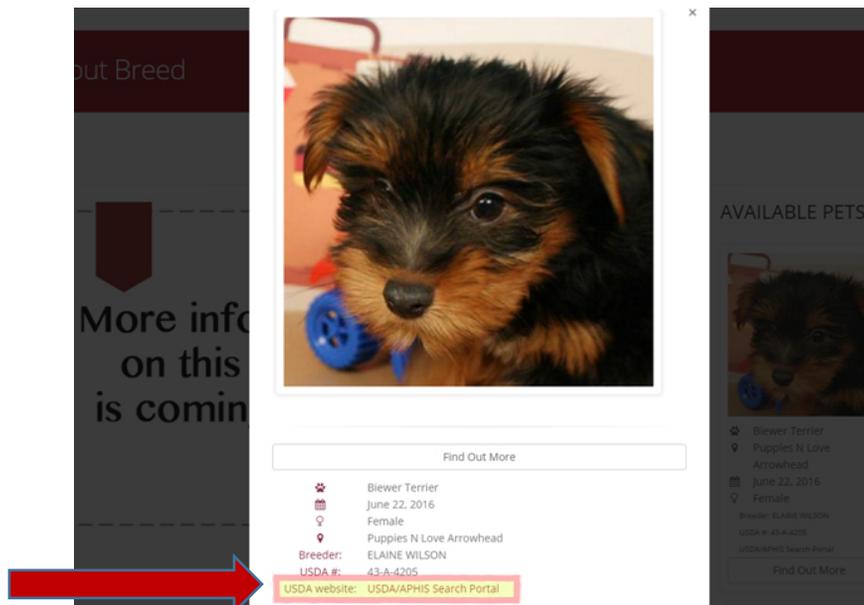
## STEP 3: Look for the federal website

Pet stores must include the federal website where would-be buyers can look up information about the breeder. The federal website should appear similar to the below example:

### In Store



### Online





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### STEP 4: Visit the Federal Website to Research Breeder Information

Once you've ensured that the pet store is following the correct protocols for listing all relevant information, visit the federal website to look up information on the breeder. You should be able to find the website at this [link](#). Once there, click on the link that says **“Are you seeking an inspection report for a particular entity?”**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://acis.aphis.usda.gov/ords/f?p=116:1:0:::>. The page header includes the USDA logo and navigation tabs for Home, Inspection Reports, Annual Reports, Ad Hoc Reports, and Help. The main content area is titled "Introduction" and "Search Options". Under "Search Options", there are three links: "Are you seeking an inspection report for a particular entity?", "Are you seeking an annual report for a particular research facility?", and "Are you seeking to create an ad hoc search in which you extract a combination of information from our database?". A red arrow points to the first link.

**Introduction**

Welcome to the USDA Animal Care online search tool.

Here you will find information regarding individuals or facilities whose animals and activities are regulated by the Animal Welfare Act.

The Animal Welfare Act and its associated regulations require that federally established standards of care and treatment be provided for certain warm-blooded animals bred for commercial sale, used in biomedical research, or used in the production of food, fiber, or other products. These animals must be provided with adequate housing, sanitation, nutrition, water and veterinary care, and they must be protected from extreme weather and temperatures.

**Search Options**

The following questions are designed to help determine the type of information you are seeking:

[Are you seeking an inspection report for a particular entity?](#)

USDA inspectors conduct routine, unannounced inspections of all entities licensed/registered by the Animal Welfare Act. We make inspection reports available via this search tool 28 days after the inspection reports online for three years.

Inspectors will cite on the inspection report anything that is not in compliance with the federal regulations and standards. Typically, a deadline date is given by which the facility must correct the non-compliance.

[Are you seeking an annual report for a particular research facility?](#)

Each research facility must submit an annual report to USDA Animal Care each year. These reports contain the numbers and types of animals used for research purposes during a particular year.

[Are you seeking to create an ad hoc search in which you extract a combination of information from our database?](#)

For example, you can create a search which gathers "all of the exhibitors in the state of Maryland" or "all of the commercial dog breeders in the state of California."



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## STEP 5: Look up the Breeder's Information

When you click on the link titled "Are you seeking an inspection report for a particular entity?" it will take you to the following page. You will then need to enter the breeder's USDA number in the field labeled "Certificate Number."

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [https://acis.aphis.edc.usda.gov/ords/f?p=116:203:0::NO::P203\\_TAB2\\_NAV:LRI&cs=370DF68371AEF6856BA533FB7BDB6AF5A](https://acis.aphis.edc.usda.gov/ords/f?p=116:203:0::NO::P203_TAB2_NAV:LRI&cs=370DF68371AEF6856BA533FB7BDB6AF5A). The page header includes the USDA logo and navigation tabs for Home, Inspection Reports, Annual Reports, Ad Hoc Reports, and Help. The main content area is titled "Inspection Reports Search" and contains a search form with the following fields:

- License/Registration Type: -Select-
- City: [Empty]
- State: -Select-
- Zip Code: [Empty]
- Customer/Organization Name: [Empty]
- Customer Number: [Empty]
- Certificate Number: 43-A-4205 (highlighted with a red arrow)
- Certificate Status: Select-

Buttons for "Search" and "Clear" are located below the form. Below the form, there is a note: "By default, the licensees/registrants information will be displayed. To view inspection reports, click on 'View Inspection Reports' button." There are two buttons: "View Licensees/Registrants" (highlighted) and "View Inspection Reports".

The "View Licensees/Registrants" button leads to a table titled "Licensees/Registrants Information". The table shows one row of data:

Report by Certificate	Licensee/Registrant Information	Address
<a href="#">43-A-4205</a>	Cust/Org Name (DBA): ELAINE K. WILSON() Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205 Certificate Status: ACTIVE Status Date: Jul 14, 2004	554 ROUTE F F EVERTON, MO 65646 COUNTY:DADE



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## STEP 6: Access the USDA Inspection Reports on the Breeder

You will then access the USDA inspection reports on the breeder by clicking the link in the bottom left-hand corner.

Advanced Search Available Pets

https://acis.aphis.edc.usda.gov/ords/f?p=116:203:0::NO::P203\_TAB2\_NAV:LRI&cs=370DF68371AEF6856BA533FB7BDB6AF5A

**USDA** United States Department of Agriculture  
APHIS - Animal Care

Home Inspection Reports Annual Reports Ad Hoc Reports Help

Home > Inspection Reports

**Inspection Reports Search**

Enter information in one or more field(s) below, **not all fields are required to be entered** and click Search button

License/Registration Type City State Zip Code

-Select- -Select- -Select-

Customer/Organization Name Customer Number Certificate Number Certificate Status

43-A-4205 -Select-

Search Clear

By default, the licensees/registrants information will be displayed.  
To view inspection reports, click on "View Inspection Reports" button

[View Licensees/Registrants](#) [View Inspection Reports](#)

**Licensees/Registrants Information**

row(s) 1 - 1 of 1

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## STEP 7: Access the USDA Inspection Reports on the Breeder

There may be multiple reports available.

Advanced Search x Available Pets x

https://acis.aphis.edc.usda.gov/ords/ff?p=116:203:0:NO::P203\_TAB2\_NAV,P203\_IN5Pcert:IRS,43-A-4205&cs=34B8C8A00F30FC5D99D5CE6474182ADAC

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Home Inspection Reports Annual Reports Ad Hoc Reports Help

Home > Inspection Reports

### Inspection Reports Search

Enter information in one or more field(s) below, **not all fields are required to be entered** and click Search button

License/Registration Type:  City:  State:  Zip Code:

Customer/Organization Name:  Customer Number:  Certificate Number:  Certificate Status:

[View Licensees/Registrants](#) [View Inspection Reports](#)

To view licensees/registrants information, click on "View Licensees/Registrants" button

### Inspection Report Based on Query Criteria Submitted

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Report	Licensee/Registrant IDs	Inspection Date	Non-Compliances Inspection (NCI)	Site Name
	Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205	Jun 21, 2016	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0 Critical: 0 Animal: 292	ELAINE K WILSON
	Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205	Aug 03, 2015	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0 Critical: 0 Animal: 268	ELAINE K WILSON
	Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205	Dec 02, 2014	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0 Critical: 0 Animal: 264	ELAINE K WILSON
	Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205	Jun 14, 2014	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0 Critical: 0 Animal: 7	ELAINE K WILSON
	Customer No: 12871 Certificate No: 43-A-4205	Mar 24, 2014	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0 Critical: 0 Animal: 273	ELAINE K WILSON

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## STEP 8: Review the Reports

Review each report to ensure the breeder has been compliant during all past inspections.



**USDA** United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service 173161035000546 Insp\_Id

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**Inspection Report**

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Elaine K. Wilson  
554 Route F F  
Everton, MO 65646

Customer ID: 12871  
Certificate: 43-A-4205  
Site: 001  
ELAINE K WILSON

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: Jun-21-2016

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No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.  
Inspection and Exit Interview conducted with facility representative.

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**STEP 9: Report Violations That You Discover**

If you observe that a pet store has not provided all required information or that a breeder who sources pets has been non-compliant in a report, please email [advocacy@azhumane.org](mailto:advocacy@azhumane.org) with your findings.