

HR 835 / S 707 PUPS

Bad for dogs, bad for shelters, bad for the economy

WHAT PUPS DOES:

Abandons traditional determination between wholesale and retail---so that USDA can regulate home/hobby breeders who don't sell to pet stores.

Begins USDA regulation of anyone (with 1 intact female dog over 4 months of age) who sells, places, or adopts out more than 50 dogs in a year ... to start. Could easily be amended down to 10 ... to 2.

Takes away your right to privacy in your own home. USDA or their contractors can without notice enter your home and inspect it if they SUSPECT you might meet criteria for regulation.

Over-regulates responsible home breeders out of existence. Mandates non-porous floors, kennel sizes, floor drains, and pages of requirements impossible for most home breeders to follow.

Forces shelters, and home/hobby breeders to redesign their current facilities in order to meet federal standards.

Establishes government controlled exercise standards that are not scientifically proven.

Sets precedent with exercise standards for future rigid socialization and breeding standards that would remove owner's flexibility to use professional judgment based on breed and purpose.

Reduces the ability of the American public to obtain healthy privately bred or rescue dogs of their choosing.

Places an unfunded mandate on Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and overextends their enforcement ability.

Fails to exempt sportsmen, sporting dog trainers, and hunting clubs from being regulated alongside in-home sellers.

Adds more federal oversight and regulation into American's daily lives.

Just Say NO to PUPS – HR 835/S 707