

# WHO OPPOSES PUPPY MILL REGULATIONS?

In 2009, the American Kennel Club (AKC) opposed having Oklahoma breeders comply with the minimal USDA standards of care, the American Canine Association (ACA) President, Bob Yarnall flew to Oklahoma to lobby against the bill and the Oklahoma Pet Professionals opposed the bill.

One airline which ships over 20,000 puppies per year sent a representative to Oklahoma to meet with representatives to discuss the impact the bill might have on puppy shipments (Oklahoma has the second and third highest puppy shipping points in the world). First is Kansas City, MO.

Some poor quality rescue organizations also fought desperately to stop the bill, claiming that compliance with these minimal standards would close down rescue facilities.

Oklahoma Animal Interests Alliance opposed the bill while distributing information that explained that they oppose the passage of any animal welfare laws at all.

As the largest state housing clandestine (unlicensed breeders), those who have an interest in keeping an, "outlaw state," in the Midwest saw our basic regulations as a call to arms and they are listed above.

Opposition to puppy mill regulations in Oklahoma includes a clandestine network of dog dealers that rely on silence to maintain their hidden business operations.

Opposition also includes out-of-state interests that oppose any government regulations or licensing use this as flashpoint issue.

Who benefits if Oklahoma kennels remain unregulated?

Dog dealers that operate on a cash basis, selling over the internet and on street corners are the main beneficiaries. The rest of Oklahoma loses out.

