

A Taxpayer Issue

Breeders of dogs and cats are compelled by Oklahoma law to collect and remit taxes on the animals they sell each year.

However, that law is ignored by many who operate clandestine kennels all across Oklahoma.

Estimates of dog sales in unlicensed kennels in Oklahoma exceeds forty million dollars in unreported sales; this is a serious loss to the State of Oklahoma.

Some kennel owners admit that they rely on the unreported cash to illegally supplement their government benefits.

Based on the numbers of estimated dog and puppy sales, from three to nine million dollars should be collected and remitted to the state of Oklahoma.



A Public Safety Issue

Animal cruelty cases prosecuted in Oklahoma in 2008 and 2009 reveal a pattern of low-quality breeders moving to Oklahoma to reopen their houses of horror after they were closed down or became unwelcome elsewhere. A convicted animal cruelty perpetrator from Kansas was the December, 2008 subject of a seizure of 94 Pit Bulls in Kay County, OK.

Still driving an out-of-state vehicle, a 42 year old Pushmataha County, OK, resident was charged with animal cruelty by Pushmataha County Sheriff's Office in December, 2009.

