

## SUPPORT HB1172

### Excerpts of reports on file at PACFA, Colorado Dept of Agriculture

4 Bar D Kennels – Fleming, CO

PACFA violations: cleansing and sanitation; drainage and waste disposal; and general requirements. A complaint regarding a purchased dog infested with fleas, lice, intestinal parasites and worms. Another complaint of a purchased dog with giardia and coccidia.

Apache Ridge – Akron, CO

From PACFA inspections: bad conditions, inadequate shade, excessive feces, frozen water bowls, excessive weeds, dogs roaming loose, vermin problems.

Bear Creek Animal Hospital – Craig, CO

PACFA violation: knowingly selling puppies that were too young.

Carm's Kennel – Peetz, CO

This facility's state licensing file indicates several citizen complaints. Many of the puppies purchased from this breeder died or required extensive medical care to recover. Complaints on this facility, according to the file, include "absolutely filthy conditions, stunk horribly, flies everywhere" and "smelled horrible, dogs outside with little shelter, inside kennels are filthy, pups covered in feces." One customer purchased a puppy that was reportedly pasted with feces, had dirty ears, bloody stool and suffered seizures. Another complaint reported 50 females and 10 males at the facility and noted the animals were "a poorer quality than most purebreds."

Christa's Critters – Kit Carson, CO

From PACFA inspections: no drinking water; escaping dogs and puppies; pens heavily soiled with feces; bedding soiled and needs to be disposed. A consumer reports purchasing a beagle that had diarrhea, worms, parvo and coccidia. Another consumer reports purchasing a dog that died nine days later. Per PACFA, puppies were sold underage. Many water buckets are coated in algae, pens are completely covered in feces and outdoor shelters have no shade.

E&E's AKC Boxer Puppies – San Pablo, CO

The PACFA file reports selling puppies with parvo and coccidia.

FlicKennel – Westcliffe, CO

The PACFA file reports no shade for dog pens, out in all kinds of weather, filthy conditions.

Gunbil German Shepherds – Larkspur, CO

Various PACFA violations in 2007 resulting in \$430 in penalties.

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Hansen's Kennels – Yoder, CO

HIGH RISK per PACFA. In just the past eight years, this state-licensed breeding facility has nearly 40 complaints and inspection violations. In one instance, a breeding poodle was reported to have a broken jaw, lice, fleas and a severely matted coat. Dogs were forced to live in standing water and were caked in mud and feces. Puppies had worms and were very sick, never seeing the light of day. From the state inspection report, "Dogs are muddy, fleas, lice, diarrhea, extremely thin, covered in feces."

Hellbusch Kennel – Monument, CO

PACFA found dogs standing in water and not protected from injury. The PACFA file reports that dogs have been purchased that had to be euthanized.

Jo's Kennel – Yuma, CO

PACFA inspections found emaciated dogs, one of them with an ear infection, all requiring veterinarian care. Excessive feces, filthy, rotting hay; Chihuahua with eye problems in a tiny cage; poodles in bad shape and filthy; Yorkshire walking in circles.

Krabloonik – Snowmass Village, CO

At a sled-dog operation nearly 300 dogs live chained out to wooden shelters. These high-energy dogs do not receive exercise – or even a second of freedom from their chains – for months at a time. This state-licensed dog breeder has also been convicted of animal cruelty and been found in violation of state regulations on and off for seven years. Some of the dogs suffer untreated medical conditions and local citizens noted on several summer days that the dogs were without water. Visit [www.voicesforthekrabloonikdogs.blogspot.com](http://www.voicesforthekrabloonikdogs.blogspot.com) for more information.

Little Bow Wow Kennel – Elizabeth, CO

A consumer complains that they bought a puppy for breeding but it could not, claiming that the breeder sells dogs with hereditary disease. PACFA inspections found a foul odor and the kennel floors soaked with urine, requiring replacement.

Oakley's Kennel – Arriba, CO

This breeder has been open for several years yet PACFA has yet to do more than an initial inspection.

Pet Crazy – Monte Vista, CO

HIGH RISK per PACFA.

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### Prairie Bark Kennels – Denver, CO

One complaint on file includes puppies in poor health and dogs that could barely walk. Another consumer bought a dog that was sick and resulted in \$1,700 in vet bills; the Kennel paid a large portion of this bill. Another complaint includes horrible smell, no water for dogs, and awful ventilation. Other complaints include, “the place smells horribly” “the puppy that I got was terrified” “my dog was undersocialized and obviously abused.” Another complaint: “...I asked to see the parent dogs of the Bichon puppy...and I noticed that all four of their feet, on each dog, had brown stains that went solidly up the lower legs. My concern is that these dogs are standing in their own excrement...the feet of the dogs were wet as though they had just been washed – to clean off the feces...The PBK puppies have never seen grass in their lives and their parents certainly haven't either. PBK is a puppy mill. They are lying to the public...If PBK were truly proud of it's (sic) breeding program...the kennels would be a source of pride and PBK would be glad to show it's (sic) animals to the public.”

### Red Silo Kennel – Akron, CO

HIGH RISK per PACFA. This state-licensed breeder had eight violations after an April 2008 inspection. Among the violations: “The nursery was very dirty. This area needs to be cleaned and sanitized more frequently . . .The deadline for correcting this violation is immediately.” The breeder was told that no more than 5 dogs could be confined in an area at one time. Prior inspections found ticks, excessive number of dogs, no shade for dogs, and excessive feces.

### Rito Alto Kennels – Moffat, CO

The PACFA file reports that a puppy was sold with lice.

### Vista Kennel – Platteville, CO

A PACFA inspection found excessive feces, filthy dogs infested with ticks and fleas. Another PACFA inspection found dogs that are never let out of cages, are filthy, matted fur, missing teeth and fearful, in addition to feces in all cages and dirty drinking water.

### Willy's Country Kennels – Elizabeth, CO

A consumer bought a puppy covered in fleas. The PACFA file reports that the facility is filthy with no drinking water. Coughing dogs with impacted paws were observed.

### Wilson Kennels – Yoder, CO

HIGH RISK per PACFA. The owner has prior animal cruelty convictions in Pueblo County. Two failed PACFA inspections in 2008: “cleaning and sanitation; shelter for the animals; heating/cooling/ventilation; drainage and waste disposal; water; record keeping.

### Witten Kennels – Alamosa, CO

A consumer complains that a puppy needed a hip replacement.

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### **Neco – CLOSED – Stratton, CO**

In 2008, this breeder was ordered by the state to discontinue his operation due to failed inspections and ongoing animal care concerns. The owner locked his dogs in their cages on his property and left them there to starve. When the state inspectors returned to ensure his compliance they found 40 carcasses and 6 more dogs in critical condition. While this facility operator was clearly breaking the law, HB1172 could prevent an operation of this scale from being licensed to begin with and keep the scope of the facility within the state's ability to protect the dogs being maintained there.

### **Colorow – CLOSED – 2 animal cruelty convictions – Olathe, CO**

In late 2007, a local animal protection group received complaints about this breeding facility in Olathe. Volunteers from the group found dogs in filthy runs with badly matted coats. They also found discarded dead puppies and a decomposing cat in the feed room. One Pomeranian suffering from a badly ulcerated eye was taken to a veterinarian by local law enforcement where the eye was removed in an emergency surgery. Upon review of the breeder's state licensing file, the group found the USDA had fined the facility owner on multiple occasions, noted pages of animal care violations and stated, "There is an excessively high death rate at this facility." The facility owner had been convicted in 2005 of animal cruelty, but continued to hold a state breeder license and was charged again in 2007 with animal cruelty.

### **CLOSED - 20 animal cruelty convictions - Loveland, CO**

This breeder pled guilty to 15 counts of animal neglect and 9 counts of abandonment after leaving a reported 84 Labrador retrievers abandoned in a rental home without food or water. The Larimer Humane Society reported that the Labs suffered from physical and behavioral problems that in many cases were untreatable.

### **CLOSED – animal cruelty and contempt of court convictions - Aurora, CO**

This breeder pled guilty to animal neglect after animal control officers removed 76 poodles from her home. Many of the dogs were reportedly soaked with urine and feces.

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**Analysis of HB1172**  
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**Conservative estimate of pups produced**

	2 litters per year	
x	6 (surviving) pups per litter	
=		12 pups per dog per year
x		25 max # of unaltered (breeding) dogs
=		300 # of pups per breeder per year
x	\$ 700	average price per pup
=	<u>\$ 210,000</u>	annual gross revenue per breeder with 25 unaltered dogs

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