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Subject: FW: Martin County ban on retail sales of dogs, cats, rabbits

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George,

A local animal shelter operator was contacted this week by a Palm City resident who purchased a puppy from Wags About You and has had continued health issues with her pet. The dog may have to be surrendered to the shelter because of the cost of continued treatment that may be required. It appears that the animal was acquired by Wags About You from Misty Trail Kennels, which is a kennel in Arkansas which has many negative reviews, primarily due to the condition of dogs sold. A Google search turns up repeated complaints about the kennel.

I did not see Misty Trail Kennels in the list of breeders that are believed to have supplied animals to Wags About You and The Noble Paw, so I'm forwarding this information for inclusion in the materials you have already collected for presentation to the Animal Care and Control Oversight Board in its review of the adopted ban on retail sales of dogs, cats and rabbits.

The pet owner who contacted the shelter has authorized distribution of these materials to support continuation of the County's ban on retail sales of dogs, cats and rabbits without change or "grandfathering" the two existing shops, which should not be permitted to continue to sell animals when the ban becomes effective next month.

Thank you.

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