



DuPage County Animal Services Committee Chairman, Brian Krajewski is pictured here with Elizabeth Sheaffer and Emily, a family friend, holding Hope (age 10) and Grace (age 9). Hope and Grace were just one of 3 powerful testimonies from yesterday's Puppy Mill Workshop. They are also a clear reminder of why we continue to fight on this important issue.

Here are just a few highlights from their testimonial:

- Hope and Grace are both former puppy mill moms
- Hope spent the first 8 years of her life in a cage
- Grace spent the first 7 years of her life in a cage
- Grace was discarded by her commercial breeder after she could not naturally deliver her last litter of puppies
- Grace was brought to a vet and

asked to have her puppies removed WITHOUT ANESTHESIA

- Her owner then requested she be disposed of once her puppies were delivered. The vet thankfully called a rescue instead
- Grace was so matted in her own feces that she had to be shaved completely down to her skin. She also had terrible dental disease and was covered from head to tail in sores and rashes.
- Grace has been diagnosed with generalized anxiety (which means she's fearful of EVERYTHING) due to her lack of socialization and experience of living in a puppy mill
- Hope was purchased from her owner after she reached the end of her useful life (she could no longer produce puppies) and was put up for auction
- Hope's fear and anxiety is even worse than Grace's. Motorized noises are horrifying for her. Her vet presumes Hope's cage was cleaned with a high-power pressure washer - with her in it. This is often the only kind of bath a puppy mill dog receives.
- Due to the behavioral issues resulting from a lifetime of trauma, puppy mill survivors like Hope and Grace have a very difficult time finding foster homes. And many of the few who are adopted, are often returned because their needs are so great. Placing a great burden on the shelters and rescues that accept them.

Help us make stories like Hope and Grace's a thing of the past. If your town doesn't yet have a local humane ordinance, contact your local legislators and politely ask for one. Not sure how? Reach out to any of yesterday's presenters: [The Humane Society of the United States - Illinois Bailing Out Benji The Puppy Mill Project](#) [Dog Patch Pet and Feed](#) [Go Humane, Naperville](#) [Safe Pets for Joliet](#) or visit the DCAS Legislation page at: <https://dupageco.org/animalservices/legislation/> for more info. [#DuPageCAS](#) [#EndPuppyMills2019](#)