



## Animals in Pet Stores Come From Cruel Mills and Dealers

Virtually all animals sold in pet stores come from mills and dealers where hundreds or thousands of animals are confined to small cages, tubs, and tanks without adequate food, water, or veterinary care. Sick and injured animals may be ignored, gassed, or frozen to death.

Federal inspectors of major pet store suppliers have documented decomposing animals among living animals, cannibalization, cages encrusted with feces, grime, and old food, animals exhibiting abnormal stereotypic behavior, animals unable to access water, severely injured and ill animals with hair loss, scabbing, skin conditions, diarrhea, and eye abnormalities.

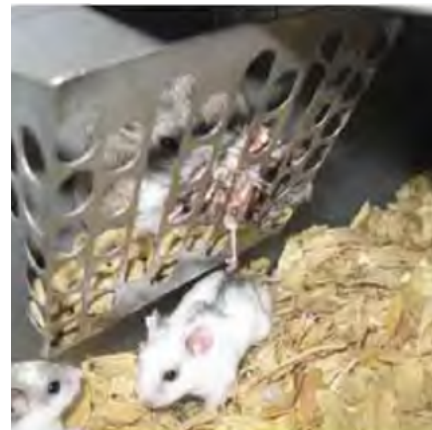
### Examples of Major Pet Store Dealers



A guinea pig with skin lesions at Sun Pet, a notorious animal dealer that supplies Petco and other pet store chains. Photo taken by USDA inspector.



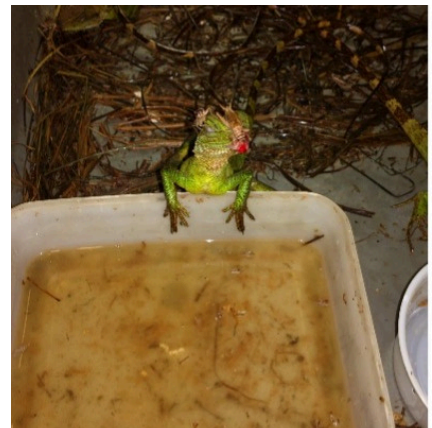
Parakeets with feather loss and scabbing at Sun Pet. Photo taken by USDA inspector.



A cannibalized hamster in a feed bin at Sun Pet. Photo taken by USDA inspector.



A dead and rotting Russian tortoise found in an enclosure with 14 living turtles at Reptiles by Mack, a reptile supplier that supplies Petco and PetSmart. Photo taken by an undercover investigation, credit: PETA.



A water dragon with a bleeding snout in a filthy enclosure. Photo taken by an undercover investigation, credit: PETA

## Examples of US Department of Agriculture-Licensed Bird Mills



A trash can overflowing with dead parrots. The mill owner stated he suffocates birds he can't sell in a plastic bag.



Parrots in cages coated with feces and loose feed.



Cockatoos in outdoor cages suspended over mud and water.



Thousands of parrots sit in cages at a mill in Oklahoma. Parrot mills are similar to factory farms, where egg-laying hens are confined in battery cages.