

**IT IS OFFICIAL - PROPOSITION B PASSES**

PUPPY MILL CRUELTY PREVENTION ACT IS NOW LAW IN MISSOURI

**GREAT VICTORY FOR THE DOGS!!!!**

This is without a doubt, one of the greatest victories ever accomplished for the welfare of animals, not only here in Missouri, but nationwide. Prop B will have a dramatic and profound impact on the welfare of hundreds of thousands of dogs currently confined in puppy mills. It simultaneously sends a strong message to the nation. If the citizens of the puppy mill capitol of the country rebuked the cruelty of puppy mills, then there is hope everywhere to enact strong laws to protect animals from abuse and neglect. I have been involved in animal welfare work since 1977 and have never witnessed such a monumental victory for animals. It is truly a dream come true and a personal thrill to be involved in this historic campaign. I hope all of you who have worked so tirelessly during this campaign recognize the significance of your achievement. This is truly the beginning of the end for the cruel puppy mill operators who have so mistreated and neglected dogs for the past five decades here in Missouri.

Prop B spells the end of cruel confinement systems where mother dogs are warehoused in tiny wire cages for their entire lives. Prop B will also ensure access to water and nutritious food, and protection from the extremes of temperatures, and access to outdoor exercise. Most important, it will ensure that breeding dogs receive needed veterinary care. It is a new day for the dogs and the end of *misery* in Missouri.

This was a hard fought victory due to the misinformation and outright lies being disseminated by the opponents of Prop B. Fortunately, Missouri voters were able to distinguish the truth and recognize Prop B for what it is, common sense measures to ensure the humane treatment of dogs. This was only accomplished by the hard work of all of you in getting the message out to the public. The Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation has, without a doubt, the most dedicated volunteers and supporters I have ever come across. It is truly a privilege to be associated with all of you. While I have yet to meet many of you in person, I am remarkably aware of your great efforts to help the animals. I can't begin to thank you for all of your hard work and support during this long campaign, going back to when you first started collecting signatures to place the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act on the ballot. It has been a long and arduous journey but we have succeeded and the dogs are the big winners. On behalf of the dogs, you have my heartfelt thanks. ***All of our dreams for the dogs have come true.***

Bob Baker  
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