

Consumers Speak:
Sad Tales of Puppies Purchased Through Purebred Breeders, LLC

Some consumers could not join the lawsuit filed against Purebred Breeders because—sometimes in exchange for small compensation for veterinary bills or a partial refund on the price of the sick or dead puppy—they had signed a waiver agreeing not to pursue action against PBB. Here are some excerpts from their stories—pain and suffering for both families and puppies.

- “I bought my puppy, Charlie, from purebreeders.com. She arrived via airplane on a Tuesday night, and by Saturday morning she was dead. She arrived sick and the vets were unable to save her. I watched my poor puppy slowly die in a great amount of pain.” From J.U.
- “I am a veterinary nurse who has been taking care of what we assume is a puppy mill puppy. He is an English bulldog pup that looks like he may have boxer [mixed] with him.... A few days after the owner bought him, he came into our clinic very, very sick. It turns out that he tested positive for parvo. On top of suffering from parvo, he developed severe pneumonia. This Saturday, he will have been hospitalized in our ICU for two weeks! There were several times when we thought he wasn't going to pull through. I found out that the owner had gotten him from a place called Purebred Breeders (www.purebreeders.com).” From S.B.
- “I bought a Baby Face Maltese Tea Cup this past October. The website said these breeders were in Virginia; that's where I live...When I found my Baby Face Tea Cup it was love at first [sight]. Then I found out she was in Oklahoma and the guy making the arrangements was in Florida? All of a sudden I felt like I was making a drug deal. I should have walked away at that stage, but I was already in love, stupid me! She was \$2,000 plus airfare, which was around \$329.” From S.O.
- “When the crate arrived in baggage claim I looked in, fell in love, and had my heart broken all at the same time. This 8-week-old premium golden retriever puppy that I paid \$1,700 for looked like [one you might find starving on the streets]...He was sick almost immediately...diarrhea, then an upper respiratory infection. I took him to the vet twice in the first week, followed by a trip to the emergency vet clinic on Sunday, where he was given IV fluids and put on antibiotics...He continued to decline and I took him back to the ER on Wednesday night. A chest X-ray confirmed his lungs were almost completely filled with fluid...a severe case of pneumonia. With tears in her eyes, the vet told me he would probably not make it through the night. He spent four nights in the hospital, two of which were in ICU. He was described as emaciated in the hospital notes.” From C.L.