

# Kansas Puppy Mills

## A Disturbing Pattern of Animal Abuse & Lax Enforcement

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This report reflects findings from several sources, including Kansas inspection reports, USDA inspection reports, the HSUS "Kansas's Dirty Dozen" report and the HSUS "A Horrible Hundred" report. Viewed together, they reveal a disturbing pattern of facilities with multiple and egregious violations continuing to operate in Kansas due to lax enforcement.

► **Larry & Yvette Bolz/B & S Kennels, Olpe Ks.  
Lyon County  
USDA & State License**

**KDA:**  
5/4/11 Passed  
4/6/12 Failed: maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
Re-inspected: 9-6-12 Passed

**USDA:**

This facility has been cited repeatedly by USDA and Kansas state inspectors for unsafe housing and animals in need of veterinary care (2011). In 2010 the facility received an official warning from the USDA for violations of federal regulations due to conditions at the kennel.

► **Marla & Roger Campbell, Newton, Ks.  
Harvey County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**KDA:**  
9/20/12 Failed: insufficient dog houses, maintenance, cleaning and sanitation violations  
2/18/13 Failed: same as above Inspector left two prior notices for inspection

**USDA:**

9/2012 Official Warning: violations of the Animal Welfare Act including animals in need of veterinary care, maintenance and sanitation issues.  
4/1/13 Animal welfare, housing violations  
5/2/13 Animals in need of veterinary care

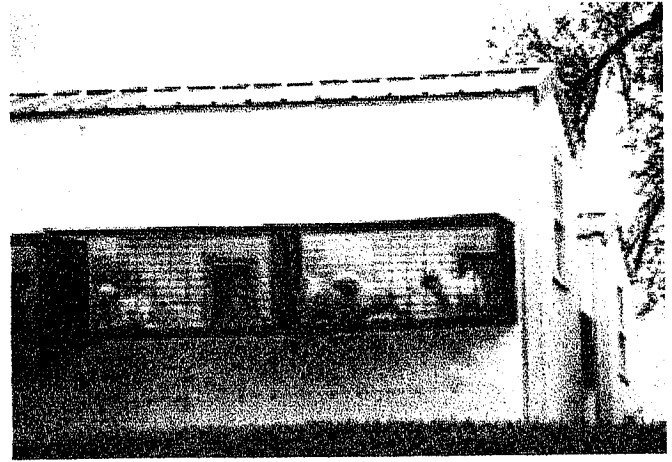
► **Kathy & William Clarke/Clarke's Hillside Kennel, Yates Center, Ks.  
Woodson County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**KDA:**  
2/5/13 Many violations including repeat direct NCI for dogs with notable vet care issues. 12/4/2012: attempted inspection.  
8/22/12 Violations including repeat direct NCI for multiple dogs in need of vet care as well as sanitation.  
6/4/12 Attempted inspection.  
11/14/11 Many violations for vet care issues and housing/enclosures/sanitation.  
12/29/10 Violations for records, housing.  
1/16/09 Violations for facilities.  
1/8/08 Violation for enclosures in disrepair  
8/7/06 Violations for vet care issues, housing, and sanitation

**USDA:**

3/13/13 "Dog's toe nails were 2 inches in length. Excessive rust on the panels used to support the wire floors, exposed screw pointed toward the dogs; fiberglass wall has jagged edges, 6 plastic igloo shelters used by 12 dogs are chewed and jagged; outside structure has rotted, missing wood, no wind or rain breaks on outdoor enclosures, broken, protruding wires with sharp points, exercise program not made available, dirt and grease on food receptacles; 6 food receptacles have caked, molded and deteriorated dog feed collecting on them, cobwebs, dust and dog hair collecting on interior walls, 3 dogs have heavy flea infestations; 1 dog has hair loss; dental disease in 1 dog; fluid build-up in foot of dog, outdoor water bucket has green film, unsanitary living conditions."

▶ **Tim & Gladys Deters, Baileyville, Ks.  
Nemaha County  
USDA & Kansas License**



**USDA:**  
 3/20/13 Three repeat violations for dogs in need of vet care, housing/sanitation issues.  
 1/8/13 Attempted inspection.  
 9/10/12 Violations for animals in need of vet care evidenced by severe fur matting, malnutrition, overgrown toenails, and a foot injury; for not documenting any of the 175 dogs; gap in the flooring; worn holes in fiberglass walls.  
 7/19/12 Attempted inspection.  
 3/28/12 Focused inspection where direct noncompliant items affecting dogs has been corrected, compliant.  
 3/27/12 Violations for expired medicine, dogs in need of veterinary care, and maintenance issues.  
 1/13/11 Violations for broken/worn/damaged housing and accumulation of grime where dogs are housed.

USDA inspectors have repeatedly found dogs with swollen and injured feet at Tim Deters' puppy mill in Baileyville, KS—a condition common in puppy mill dogs who are forced to stand on wire flooring. Inspectors also found dogs who were underweight, sick and injured. /The HSUS 2011  
 (Source: A Horrible Hundred)

▶ **Dianne Dick/Trails Kennels, Rossville, Ks.,  
Shawnee County  
USDA & Kansas License**

10/29/12 Letter regarding fails and issues at the kennel. No other action from Kansas since letter of 10/29/12 as of 3/26/13.  
 No Kansas license listed on 7/2/12–6/30/13 list

**KDA:**  
 3/21/11 Failed: Maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
 6/20/11 Pass: Air-conditioning not working, dogs matted  
 8/8/12 Failed: Maintenance, sanitation, animal health (dog with missing foot)  
 9/12/12 Pass

**USDA:**  
 2011 Official warning for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.  
 1/30/13 USDA failure for animals in need of veterinary care  
 3/20/13 Attempted re-inspection

▶ **Keith & Lila Ratzlaff: Canton, Ks.  
McPherson County  
USDA & Kansas License**



**KDA:**  
 1/2013 Passed with violations including sanitation and maintenance  
 12/11/12 Civil penalty issued (\$1,500)  
 7/8/12 Failed re-inspection  
 4/5/12 Failed re-inspection  
 Similar violations for 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008

Note the lack of shade in these enclosures at the Ratzlaff's kennel. /The HSUS 2011

(Source: A Horrible Hundred)

**USDA:**  
 2012 Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare  
 2010 Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare, animals in need of veterinary care

► **Darlene & Charlene Koster/Rainbow Ranch Kennel, Minneapolis, Ks.  
Ottawa County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**KDA:**

7/14/08 Maintenance, sanitation, animal in need of care  
2/3/09 Dog food in feeders with mold, shorthaired dogs outside that are not acclimated to weather with no veterinary approval for keeping them outside.

7/19/10 Maintenance, sanitation, temperatures exceeding 99 degrees with 48% humidity and dogs are in distress.

8/31/11 Passed with violations for sanitation, maintenance and animal welfare issues.

8/21/12 Passed with violations for sanitation and maintenance issues

**USDA:**

2008 Maintenance, sanitation and cleaning issues.

2009 Maintenance, sanitation and cleaning issues.  
Dog feeders with mold.

2010 Maintenance issues

2011 Serious untreated medical conditions in dogs, official warning for violations of AWA

7/2011-1/2013:

Five attempts to re-inspect kennel in this time period.



Dogs in small, stacked cages at Rainbow Ranch Kennel were seen gazing out at open, grassy plains in which they could not run and play. /The HSUS 2011

(Source: A Horrible Hundred)

► **Krystal & Sandra Rottinghaus: Seneca, Ks.  
Nemaha County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**KDA:**

6/28/11 Pass with violations

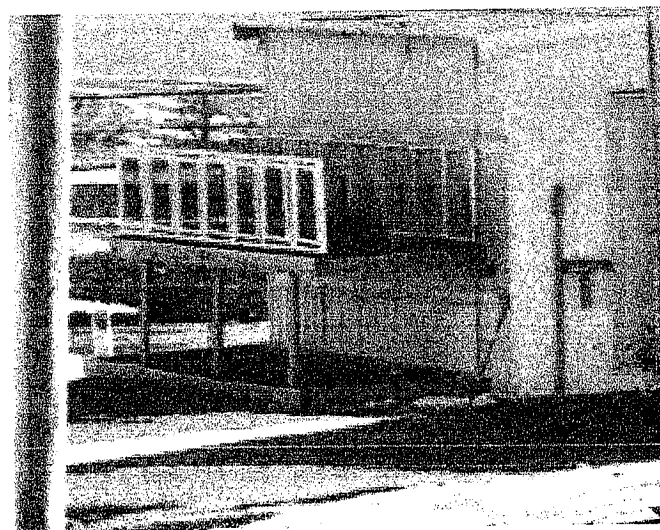
7/14/10 Pass with violations

2008 Failed two state inspections in a row: sanitation, maintenance, and animal welfare

**USDA:**

Oct. 2010: Licensee cancelled license, because they transferred all breeding stock to a family member. Additionally, a family member at the same address (Krystal) is now licensed by the USDA and the KDA. Animals in need of veterinary care, sanitation and maintenance issues.

2007-2009 Serious violations in 2009, 2008 and 2007 for animal welfare, maintenance and sanitation



An HSUS investigator saw dogs at Krystal and Sandra Rottinghaus's puppy mill pacing restlessly in the cold. The facility has approximately 600 dogs and puppies and has been cited again and again for Animal Welfare Act violations. /The HSUS 2011.

(Source: A Horrible Hundred)

▶	<b>Helen Shelly/Shadyhill Kennel, Hiawatha, Ks. Brown County Kansas License</b>	4/4/11	Failed: sanitation, maintenance, animal welfare
		3/2/11	Failed: sanitation, maintenance, animal welfare
		8/25/10	Pass
<b>KDA:</b>			<b>USDA:</b>
1/13/12	Attempted inspection, both numbers on license disconnected.		Multiple violations including animals in need of veterinary care. Licensee canceled license 1999.
6/20/11	Pass with violations		
6/6/11	Re-inspection: violation requirements not completed		
5/26/11	Failed: sanitation, maintenance, animal welfare		
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▶	<b>Melba Nicol, Mayetta, Ks. Jackson County Kansas License</b>	3/18/11	Failed: maintenance, sanitation and animal welfare issues
		10/11/10	Pass by 1 pt., multiple violations. Consent agreement left licensee with 42 dogs.
		7/1/10	Failed re-inspection
<b>KDA:</b>		5/6/10	Failed: maintenance, sanitation and animal welfare issues
7/19/11	Re-Inspection: Pass with multiple violations, restrictions on kennel usage		
6/9/11	Re-inspection: 30 day extension given to correct violations		
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▶	<b>Rennie Grey-Tupy/Echo Valley Pups, Munden, Ks.</b>	8/29/11	Re-inspection: Fail maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare
		7/27/11	Fail: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare
			<b>As of 8/12/12 no record of licensure for Kansas or USDA</b>
<b>KDA:</b>			
2/18/13	Facility may be closed, no animals removed.		
9/14/11	Re-inspection: Pass with violations: maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare		
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▶	<b>Rose Mellett, Baxter Springs, Ks. Cherokee County Kansas License</b>	8/8/11	3rd Fail: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare
		7/12/11	2nd Fail: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare
<b>KDA:</b>		<b>USDA:</b>	
4/18/12	Passed with violations: maintenance, sanitation	2011	Multiple violations: maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare
9/29/11	Passed with violations: maintenance, sanitation		Licensee cancelled 10/14/11
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▶	<b>Harold Powell &amp; Shayne Turner/Bully Farms, Paola, Ks. Miami County</b>	2/21/12	Fail—No exercise program, no veterinary program, no records for dogs on-hand, health & welfare issues with the dogs
<b>KDA:</b>			
4/19/12	Fail—Dogs kept in crates in unsanitary conditions, no exercise program. No electricity, sanitation issues, animal welfare issues		

▶ **David & Teri Gould: Rexford, Ks.**  
**Sheridan County**  
**No current license as of 8/12/12**

2010 Violations for animals in need of veterinary care, sanitation and maintenance issues.  
2009: Operating without a license, stipulated settlement with fines of \$700, then allowed to license in 2010.

**KDA:**  
1/4/12 Failed: sanitation, maintenance, no vet records, no hobby breeder license  
2/13/12 Inspector stopped by to find out what the license status was—she had not received it, but they are required to have one.  
2/28/12 Inspector left a note for them to contact someone to discuss their compliance issues.  
3/14/12 Passed (Vet care form still not completed. Licensing form completed but not sent in, downsizing to HB (hobby breeder

**USDA:**  
Multiple non-compliant violations(maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare) 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010. Licensee cancelled 10/1/10.

▶ **Donnie Bahm, Scott City, Ks.**  
**Scott County**  
**USDA & Kansas License**

**USDA:**  
2012, 2011, 2010:  
Sanitation, maintenance and animal welfare violations

**KDA:**  
1/3/13 Passed with violations  
9/6/11 Passed with violations

▶ **Adeline Day, Osborne, Ks.**  
**Osborne County**  
**USDA & Kansas License**

2/14/12 Failed: Same  
2/28/12 Notice to Pursue Legal Suspension of License  
5/10/12 Failed: same  
8/17/12 Civil Order: consent agreement

**KDA:**  
11/2/11 Failed: Sanitation, maintenance and animal welfare issues  
11/10/11 Failed: Same  
1/10/12 Failed: Same

**USDA:**  
2/28/12 Revocation of license

▶ **Connie Fahey, Clyde, Ks.**  
**Cloud County**  
**Kansas License**

7/18/11 Passed with violations: maintenance & sanitation

**USDA:**  
2009-2010 Multiple violations sanitation, maintenance. Licensee cancelled license 9/21/10

**KDA:**  
10/24/12 Passed  
1/11/12 Passed with violations: maintenance & sanitation

▶ **Mary Carpenter, Lyndon, Ks.**  
**Osage County**  
**USDA & Kansas License**

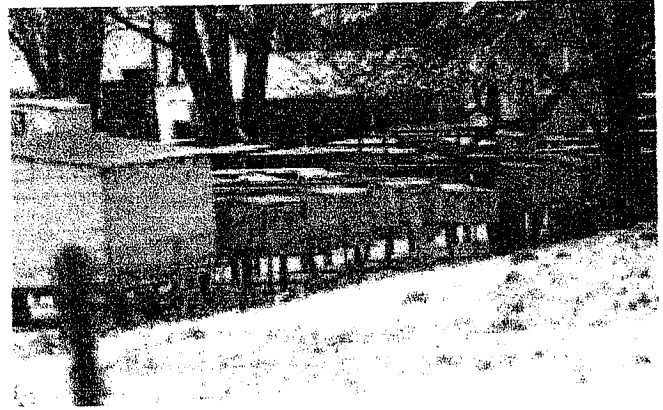
5/29/12 Passed with violations  
11/6/12 Fail

**USDA:**  
2011 Animal welfare, sanitation & maintenance issues  
2012 Same

**KDA:**  
3/10/11 Inspection per complaint: Fail: Sanitation, maintenance, animal welfare  
5/23/11 Passed

► **Erma Jean & Norman Witt/Witt's Kennel,  
Wamego, Ks.  
Pottawatomie County  
No License**

**KDA:**  
9/22/09 Consent Agreement: Health, Safety, Welfare:  
158 dogs and puppies removed by KAHD; 71  
were euthanized.  
9/28/10 Consent Agreement: all unsold puppies re-  
moved for health, safety, welfare  
3/21/11 Letter from Animal Facility Inspection  
Program enclosing copy of signed Release of  
Dogs. 3/31/11 Special visit by Jeaneen Holt,  
picked up 3 cocker pups, 1 male poodle, 1  
brown/white F cocker, and 1 brown/white F  
DOB 1-17-11 still on property. Norman indi-  
cated he wants to remain open and intends on  
downgrading to a Hobby Kennel license for  
FY 2011/2012.  
11/3/11 Notice of Facility closing—signed by owners.  
No re-check of facility.

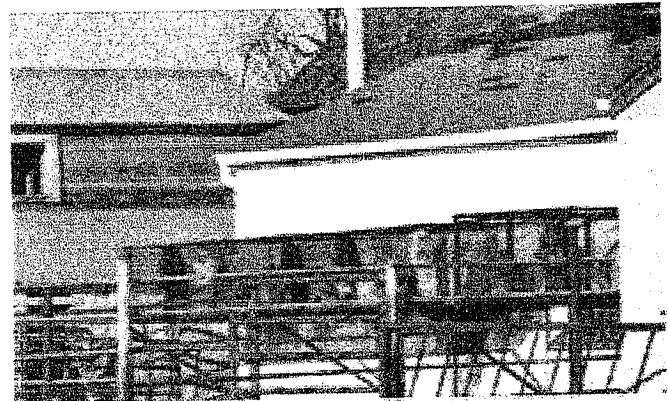


Rows of rabbit hutches house dogs at Witt's Kennel. HSUS  
(Source: Report: Kansas's Dirty Dozen)

**USDA:**  
2008, 2009, 2010: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare  
violations  
10/2010: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare  
violations  
3/21/11 Licensee cancelled license

► **Martha Dalinghaus/Little Paws Kennel,  
Baileyville, Ks.  
Nemaha County  
Currently not licensed**

**KDA:**  
2009, 2010, 2011: Violations for maintenance, sanitation and  
animal health.  
9/18/08 Fail: Maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
7/7/09 Fail: Maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
**USDA:**  
3/28/11 Licensee canceled license  
8/18/10 Maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
5/2010 Official warning for repeat violations  
4/2010 Maintenance, sanitation, animal health  
12/2009 Maintenance, sanitation, animal health



Dogs housed in cramped wire cages at Little Paws Kennel.  
HSUS, 2011  
(Source: Report: Kansas's Dirty Dozen)

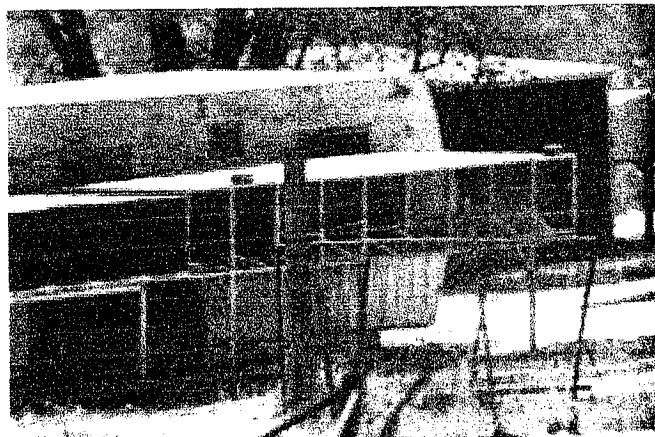
► **Marlene Aurand, Salina, Ks.  
Saline County**

**KDA:**  
4/19/12 Pass with minimal violations  
12/15/11 Pass with minimal violations

**USDA:**  
7/3/12 Compliant  
8/2/11 Compliant  
2010 No violations on Aug. 2010 or Apr. 2010  
inspection reports.  
2009 Found numerous violations, including failure  
to have annual vet visit, repeat violations for  
housing disrepair (rusty/ jagged wires and  
structures), lack of heat in one of the dog  
trailers, rodent infestation.

► **Bill & Phyllis Sherbert, Clay Center, Ks.  
Clay County  
Unlicensed in Kansas**

**KDA:**  
 6/2010 Failed: sanitation, maintenance, animal welfare  
 12/6/10 Failed (3 pages of violations).  
 1/5/11 4th Failed (10 separate violations).  
 1/26/11 Consent Agreement and Final Order with several agreements like getting rid of dogs because of overcrowding, etc.  
 8/2/11 Re-inspection for purpose of consent agreement/reinspection—violations still found but not “pass or fail.”  
 11/14/11 Attempted re-inspection but no one was there.  
 11/22/11 Passed Re-inspection (minor violations noted: empty feed bags need to be kept in lidded containers; remove remaining kennel doors from trailer for 13 runs).  
 10/4/12 Arrived for the purpose of conducting a consent agreement inspection and to see if they consent in their renewal for licensing. 17 sick cats found, but licensees weren't home.  
 1/17/13 Legal release signed; they have to give up 27 adult dogs permanently.



An old trailer is being used as a kennel at Sherbert's Kennel. HSUS

(Source: Report: Kansas's Dirty Dozen)

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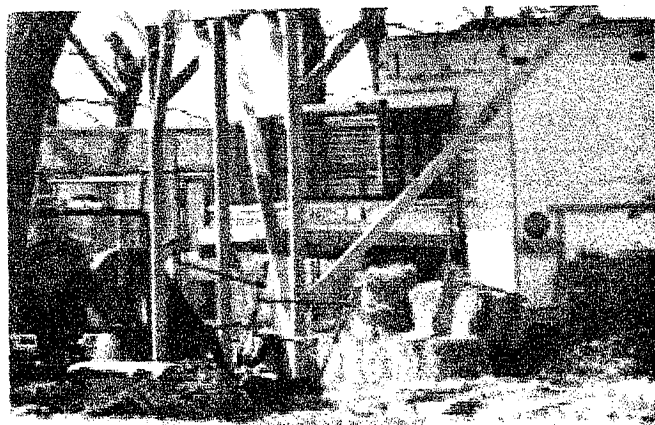
9/10/10, 5/28/10, 3/26/10, 10/2/09:

Non-compliant for animal welfare, sanitation and maintenance violations. Animals in need of care shot.

11/6/12 Licensee cancelled their USDA license

► **Beth Ann Tinsley: Bronson, Ks.  
Bourbon County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**KDA:**  
 7/2010 Animal welfare, sanitation, maintenance: refused to allow inspector on property  
 8/2009 Animal welfare, sanitation, maintenance  
 3/2008 Animal welfare, sanitation, records  
**USDA:**  
 2009 Cited for not granting access to the property for inspection  
 2010 Animal welfare violations. Licensee became out of control and ordered the inspector off the premises and stated, “Yes, I don't care if all the dogs die!”



Trash and debris surrounds a dilapidated housing unit at Top Shelf Kennel. HSUS

(Source: Report: Kansas's Dirty Dozen)

► **Justin & LaNae Jackson/Jackson Kennels,  
Clifton, Ks., Washington County  
USDA & Kansas License**

**USDA:**  
 2009 Violations: Maintenance, sanitation, animal welfare issues

5/25/10 No violations  
 9/8/11 Violations: maintenance, animal welfare issues  
 2/2012 Attempted re-inspection  
 3/8/12 Dogs in need of vet care, maintenance, sanitation  
 3/12/12 Dogs in need of vet care  
 4/25/13 License renewed even though no clean inspection for 2012.