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Shelter animals provide better deal

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Getting a new dog is always exciting, but it's important to know where your dog is coming from. And it's especially important not to adopt from a puppy mill.

According to the ASPCA, puppy mills provide "overcrowded and unsanitary conditions without adequate veterinary care, food, water or sanitation." The ASPCA goes on to mention how little time females get in between litters to reproduce, and that they're usually killed when they can no longer reproduce.

The females aren't the only ones who suffer. PAWS.org states that all the animals

stay in tight, dirty cages; hundreds of cats and dogs are kept in those cages for their entire lives. The kittens and puppies that are taken away from their mothers at a young age often develop behavior problems.

People in charge of these facilities often don't actually care for the animals. They just want to sell these animals through newspaper ads, pet stores, and the internet for profit. The ASPCA states that 90% of dogs and cats from pet stores come from one of the estimated 10,000 puppy mills in the U.S.

"Iowa has a lot of puppy mills that breed out thousands of dogs to pet stores, who in turn charge hundreds and thousands of dollars for them," CCA Instructional coach and animal lover Jennifer Osen-Foss informed.

According to a report from The Humane Society, Iowa was second for states with the most puppy mills in 2016. Osen-Foss,

who is against backyard breeding, said she doesn't know why people choose to run these awful facilities.

An article by the nonprofit organization Best Friends Animal Society argues that one of the best ways to stop puppy mills is not to buy a dog or cat from a pet store or the internet but from a shelter. Backyard breeders make money through selling cats and dogs online and in pet stores, so you won't be supporting an abusive facility, but rather your local shelter. A shelter is a much better place to get an animal.

"In my family, we like to adopt rescue kitties," said Osen-Foss. "We paid very little for our kitties, less than \$100. By adopting these animals, we not only give them happy lives, we also make sure they are spayed and neutered. In return, we get lots of purring, laughs, and snuggles. We think that's a pretty good deal."

Trump vs Obama: The First Year

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Executive orders, bans and new bills that turn to law- all of these things can happen in a calendar year. Let's take a look at what President Obama and President Trump did within their first year in office.

In his first year, President

Trump signed 55 executive orders and by the end of 2009, President Barack Obama had only signed 38 executive orders. President Trump has spent most of his first year changing the administration from President Obama's mandates to his own.

President Trump's plan to cut Obamacare and then to scrap it all together took priority in the early months of his presidency. The Trump Administration worked to completely repeal Obamacare but that has been tabled for the time being. Congress is preparing to cut down the Obamacare mandate in its new tax cuts.

Later in the year, the unemployment rates for the Trump Administration were registered at four

and a half percent, the lowest it has been at in seventeen years. When President Obama took office in January 2009, the unemployment rate was at about eight percent and as the first year went on, the rate went up to about ten percent.

As for unpredictable events, America faced the mass shooting in Las Vegas, and hurricanes hit Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas. After the shooting in Las Vegas, President Trump released the statement, "Our unity cannot be shattered by evil. Our bonds cannot be broken by violence. And though we feel such great anger at the senseless murder of our fellow citizens, it is our love that defines us today -- and always will, forever."

The year 2009 also brought Obama events he had to work

through such as the Fort Hood shooting spree and the earthquake and tsunami in American Samoa.

Obama also accomplished to remove restrictions on funding for stem cell research and a memorandum to protect science from political interference. This reversed the Bush administration's strict policy. Later in the year, Obama signed a memorandum promising \$20m in aid to Gaza.

A year of presidency can hold a lot of accomplishments for an administration and each president made many strives to help the American people. America can expect to see many more new bills, laws and executive orders from the Trump Administration.

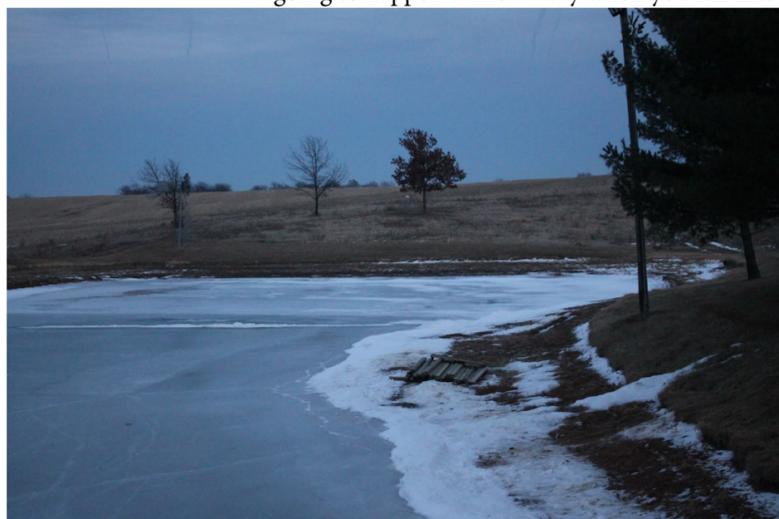
All facts reported by CNN, The Guardian and The New York Times.

The precarious nature of pond ice

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Pond ice is nothing to mess with. You never know what is going to happen while

you're out there. Having the right knowledge can go a long way when you fall into



freezing water.

Whether you're ice skating, playing hockey, ice fishing, or just messing around, you always want to be sure that the ice is thick enough to be on. Most say that if the ice looks dark and clear, it is okay. If the ice is crunchy, and not clear, you don't want to be on it. Ice can be deceiving, but just because the ice can hold you doesn't mean it can hold a vehicle. The ice is usually weakest on the shore and strongest in the middle. When testing

ice, tie a rope around your waste and the other end to a firm tree. That way, when you walk out on the ice, you can pull yourself or have someone else pull, in case of a total ice break.

When out doing activities on the ice, don't just worry about how thick it is. Think about staying warm and dry. Sweating is a dangerous thing to do in the cold because once you cool off, your sweat will make you cold. If you're going out on the ice, always bring someone

with you. That way, if something happens to either of you, you have the other to get help. Having the proper gear always helps as well. Have ice picks that help you get out in case you fall in, hand warmers, something to call for help with, and dry clothes to change into if you need to. Having something to start a fire with fast can also help in case of an emergency. And finally, before you even go out, check the fishing report at the Iowa DNR website for ice conditions.



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