Puppy farming is illegal in the UK. High demand for designer dogs has led to illegal breeding and importation of puppies for the pet trade. This study is the first in the UK of its kind.

Key findings include:

- The intensive breeding environment **causes increased stress** to puppies and mothers.
- Farmed puppies are more likely to have a **genetic disorder** and are more at risk of **deadly infectious diseases** such as parvovirus.
- Dogs from puppy farms have **more behavioural issues** than dogs from other breeding environments.
- Dog walking and different types of training **significantly improve** the effects of puppy farming.
- Intensive breeding results in dogs being **more than twice as likely to show fear to strangers** and other stimuli.
- If you are concerned about an animal please report it immediately to the Scottish SPCA on 03000 999 999.

Please buy puppies responsibly. For further information visit scottishspca.org.