

International Pet and Animal Transportation Association

## Pet Scams

# Looking for a pet online? Don't get scammed! Report and Search Our Pet Scammer's List

Searches below will search all current Pet-Scams previously reported. If you experience problems with your search, please try a different browser.



#### Note:

This puppy seller sold me a puppy we signed a contract and everything and then said the puppy would be shipped to me at an additional charge of \$150 within 24 hours. It has been 2 days and I have not received this puppy. In addition the ready rides who are to delivery of puppy has been asking for large amounts of money for my puppy to be shipped

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## Scammer Address: Virginia

### Note:

This person asked me for a \$300 deposit by Zell and then never corresponded again.

Their phone number is 571–3 02–4231

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*Pet scams can happen to anyone. Learn how to spot a scam or you could be a victim!*  Pet scam criminals often use free websites, *Craig's List,* local newspapers, or *Facebook* to advertise pets that do not exist.

Expensive animals, like Bulldogs or toy breeds, are offered at very low prices.

Animals are often offered up for adoption at no cost —all you have to do is pay for the shipping. If you see an ad like this, chances are it is a scam.

**These scammers are criminals.** Their goal is to take your money. They will lie, they will tell you sob stories, they will send you pictures of adorable animals, they will assure you of their faith and religion - anything to get your money! They use the names of legitimate pet

shippers; they pirate websites; they illegally use logos of other companies. If you see an offer that is too good to be true, it probably is. **It is probably a scam!** 

	How to Tell it's a Scam	Purchasing a Pet Online	Already Been Scammed	Report a Scammer
IPATA is a trade association. Our members are professional pet shippers located in more than 80 countries around the world.				
Our members ship pets under their own company names. IPATA does not ship pets, and there is no pet shipping company with				

"ipata" in the name. If you see a company using our name, please report it to us right away: petscams@ipata.org.

## Puppy Fraud by PetScams.com on Facebook

(This facebook group is not managed by IPATA.org)



### List of IPATA pet transport service providers you can trust:

Find A Pet Shipper

# Better Business Bureau (BBB) Recommendations for Buying Pets Online Read the entire story on-line

- See the pet in person before paying any money. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, consider a video call with the seller so you can see the seller and the actual pet for sale. Since scammers are not likely to comply with the request, this may help avoid a scam.
- **Do a reverse image search** of the photo of the pet and search for a distinctive phrase in the description.
- **Do research to get a sense of a fair price** for the breed you are considering. Think twice if someone advertises a purebred dog for free or at a deeply discounted price ... it could be a fraudulent offer.
- Check out a local animal shelter online for pets you can meet before adopting.
- **BBB urges more law enforcement action** against pet scammers.
- The media and public should help to educate those looking for pets online by sharing BBB's tips and study.

# Who to contact if you are the victim of a pet scam:

- **Petscams.com petscams.com/report-pet-scam-websites** tracks complaints, catalogues puppy scammers and endeavors to get fraudulent pet sales websites taken down.
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reportfraud.ftc.gov to file a complaint online or call 877-FTC-Help.
- Better Business Bureau BBB Scam Tracker to report a scam online.
- Canadian Antifraud Centre antifraudcentre-centreantifraude or call 1-888-495-8501 for scams involving Canada.
- Your credit card issuer if you provided your credit card number, even if the transaction was not completed.

Beware of companies offering to help with recovering lost funds.

Click for Tips from the Federal Trade Commission:

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