

**I was SEIZED**  
**by a Class B dealer**  
**and SOLD for**  
**EXPERIMENTATION!**



Chance

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This is the true story of a loving puppy named Chance who was seized by a Class-B dealer from a tax-payer funded county animal shelter in Michigan and was sold into the life and death of experimentation in 2005.

Chance's story details the betrayal that Michigan citizens' fear when being a Good Samaritan and reporting pets living in neglectful homes.

Chance was a 4-5 month old lab-mix puppy that was rescued by Jackson County Animal Control from a neglectful and unsanitary home along with his four siblings after calls from concerned neighbors. Chance and his siblings were never allowed to be adopted. According to The Jackson Citizen Patriot on July 16, 2005, the shelter "mistakenly" posted the dogs on Petfinder for adoption and later deemed them "unadoptable". The puppies were held for the minimum 5 days at the shelter and then sold to a Michigan Class B Dealer for medical experimentation.

Two rescue organizations wanted to rescue Chance and his siblings, including one woman who fell in love with Chance's photo and requested to adopt him. These requests came two days too late -- Chance and his siblings were already at the dealer's facility. After numerous phone conversations with the dealer and the shelter staff, neither could agree on who had the authority to release the puppies for adoption. As the dealer and shelter gave contradictory information to the potential adopters, days passed and eventually the puppies were sent off to research.

Chance and his siblings lost any hope of a loving home, and likely their lives, because some Michigan shelter still allow dealers to obtain stray and lost family pets from shelters. An overwhelming majority of counties in Michigan have ended this practice, including Jackson County in 2006 due to public support. Five county tax-payer funded shelters in Michigan, however, still practice pound seizure.