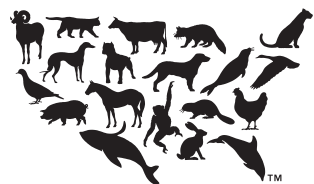
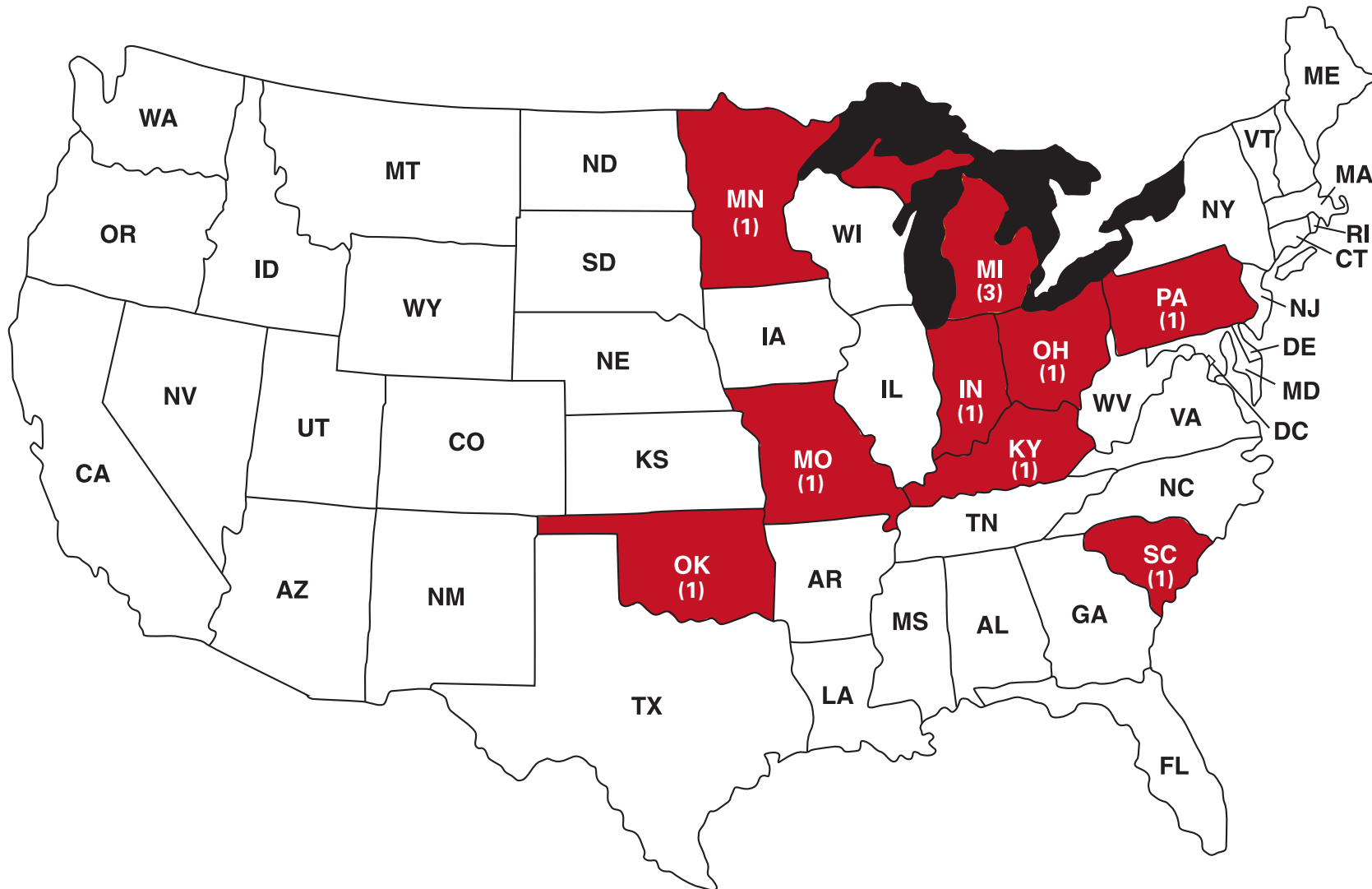


CLASS B DEALERS OF LIVE RANDOM SOURCE DOGS AND CATS



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Class B dealers are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to buy animals from "random sources"—the animals are not bred or raised on the dealers' property but are acquired from sources including auctions, flea markets, and animal shelters—and to sell them to research facilities for biomedical research, testing, or educational purposes. Class B dealers also buy animals from "bunchers," unlicensed dealers who have been known to acquire lost, stray, and "free to a good home" dogs and cats—even pets stolen from their owners' backyards.

In addition to concerns about sources of animals who enter the Class B dealer pipeline, there are questions about the treatment of the animals while they are held at dealer facilities awaiting sale for research. Numerous documented Animal Welfare Act violations have occurred at Class B facilities.

Of the 11 Class B dealers of live random source dogs and cats who sell to research facilities, 2 are under investigation by the USDA and 1 dealer recently had his license suspended for 5 years. The locations of the 11 dealers are depicted on this map.