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SCAM ALERT

A Consumer Protection Alert from Oregon Attorney General John Kroger

Consumer Protection Hotline: 1-877-877-9392

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Dear ,

Thank you again for joining the [Oregon Scam Alert Network](#). Please feel free to forward this email and encourage your family members, friends and colleagues to join the network too. Together we can fight fraud and help protect Oregonians from falling prey to predatory schemes.

Also, you can now look up the complaints we receive about businesses! Please check out our new consumer resource: [Be InfORmed](#).

"DON'T FALL FOR THE SCAM WITH THE PUPPY DOG EYES!"

Sometimes the ad offers a free puppy. Or, maybe a pure bred dog needs a new home. The scam works like this: although the dogs are "free," the seller will ask to be wired money in advance so the puppy can be safely shipped to its new owner. Some victims have even gone to the airport to pick up their new pet only to discover there is no dog and they've been scammed. A recent version of the "puppy scam" offered two registered English Bulldogs "free to a good home." Fortunately, the scammer's attempt was thwarted because an alert Southern Oregon newspaper editor/publisher smelled something fishy and refused to run the ad.

The puppy scam relies on the best intentions of animal lovers. Another version of the puppy scam involves a con artist posing as a "puppy mill rescue group". These ads claim to be seeking good homes for a batch of purebred puppies rescued from a puppy mill. In reality it is the puppy mill operator who has posted the ad and is looking to cash in - sometimes asking \$1,000 or more per puppy.

For more information about other puppy scams, and expert advice on humane pet adoption please check out the [ASPCA Web site](#).

Anyone who believes they have been approached by a scammer should call the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 or go to the Department's Web site: www.oregonattorneygeneral.gov.

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