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Saving Samson

Key Vocabulary

breed	make animals have babies and then sell them
laboratory	a place used for scientific research
experiment	a plan for testing an idea
investigator	a person who carefully searches for information
undercover	hidden or secret
suffer	experience something painful
adopt	make someone part of the family

Samson didn't have a bed or any toys. His teeth were rotting. He had ear infections. For eight years, he wasn't treated with the kindness that a dog deserves. He was treated more like a **breeding** machine at a place called Envigo. Envigo bred and sold puppies to **laboratories** around the world. Samson was born and raised in this place. He was the father of about 200 puppies. Those puppies were shipped off to be used in painful, deadly **experiments**.



A PETA **investigator** worked **undercover** at Envigo to see how the dogs were treated. Almost 5,000 dogs and puppies were kept in cages all day every day at Envigo. They weren't allowed to run, play, or do other things that dogs like to do.

As workers cleaned his cage, they often sprayed Samson with water from a hose. They did this to other dogs, too, even mother dogs who were nursing their puppies. They couldn't move out of the way, so they got soaking wet and were scared.

PETA's investigator found a way to get Samson out. Today, he is finally enjoying his life. He goes for walks, chases leaves, watches birds and squirrels, and tries new foods. He sleeps well in a soft bed.

PETA showed officials that dogs were **suffering** at Envigo, and it closed down. In a few months, almost 4,000 dogs and puppies were taken out of there. Many were **adopted** into loving families. No more dogs will be bred or born at that miserable place. But there are still many places like this that sell animals to laboratories to be experimented on.

Experimenting on animals hurts them. It doesn't need to be done to keep humans safe. Millions of animals are suffering right now in tests for things like cosmetics, sunscreen, and other products. Luckily, more companies are choosing not to test their products on animals. It's easy to figure out which companies never test on animals. Simply look for the bunny logo on the product packaging. You can let your family and friends know that they should only buy products made by companies that never test on animals.



**Watch Samson's rescue video at
PETAkids.com/Samson.**

Comprehension Questions: Saving Samson After Eight Years in a Beagle-Breeding Nightmare

1. What did Envigo do with the dogs it bred?

2. Describe what life was like for Samson and the other dogs at Envigo.

3. How do you think Samson felt before he was rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

4. Do you think it's fair to use animals in experiments? Explain your answer.

5. What can people do to help animals used in experiments?

Answer Sheet: Saving Samson After Eight Years in a Beagle-Breeding Nightmare

1. What did Envigo do with the dogs it bred?

Answer: Envigo sold dogs to laboratories to be used in painful experiments. (Literal)

2. Describe what life was like for Samson and the other dogs at Envigo.

Answer: Dogs at Envigo were kept in cages. They weren't allowed to run, play, or do other things that dogs like to do. They were often sprayed with water hoses when workers cleaned their cages, which left them soaking wet and scared. (Literal)

3. How do you think Samson felt before he was rescued and then afterward?

What makes you think so?

Possible answer: Samson was probably scared, confused, and lonely at Envigo because he didn't have any toys or a soft bed, and no one was caring for him. He probably felt safe and happy after being rescued because he finally had a loving family who gave him what he needed and allowed him to have fun. (Inferential)

4. Do you think it's fair to use animals in experiments? Explain your answer.

Possible answer: I don't think it's fair to use animals in experiments because they don't get to play, cuddle, eat their favorite foods, or do anything else that they enjoy. People should buy products that haven't been tested on animals. (Evaluative)

5. What can people do to help animals used in experiments?

Answer: People can buy products that haven't been tested on animals. They can look for the bunny logo on product packaging—that means the product is animal test-free. (Literal)