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Subject: Online Pet fraud complaints

Hi Jason.

I am working on a story about online pet scams. I have a Vermont victim who shelled out more than \$1000 to a person he thought was a dog breeder in Virginia. The whole thing was a scam. I did some research and found a recent BBB report on this. It got me thinking ... is this happening to a lot of Vermonters?

- How many complaints, if any, have you received about online pet scams or fake breeders?

Thanks,

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