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"The footage clearly shows a failure to provide these dogs with the care and conditions they deserve. Their behaviour is typical of confined animals under stress, and their welfare is compromised by a lack of comfort, hygiene, enrichment and stimulation."

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The puppies display pathological repetitive behaviours typical in confined animals whose needs are not being met; many can be seen pacing the same loop up and down, in a similar manner to how an enclosed zoo animal might behave.

They are offered little to no apparent comfort, having to lie on concrete or plastic grates without bedding. The only stimulation they appear to be afforded are solid rubber toys attached to hanging chains. The novelty of such enrichment wears off within a matter of hours for these intelligent animals, as they cannot be moved around the cage, manipulated or really 'played with' at all; perhaps their only use is in teething, so that the dogs don't chew their cage structures or each other.

They have little space to move around and the exercise needs of a canine are not being met in these restricted environments, for the thousands bred and contained here each year, likely leading to stress and associated morbidity/illness.

There is only a small amount of substrate – in this case what appears to be sawdust – provided on some areas of flooring. This may be cost-saving, or minimising labour required to clean pens. As a consequence, hygiene appears to be of poor standard.

Significant amounts of faeces, soiled sawdust and wet floors can be seen, compromising the comfort and health risks experienced by the dogs. A build up of possible pathogens in faeces, and the respiratory distress caused by the stench of ammonia from urine pools may go some way to explaining the farm animal antibiotic packaging discovered in bins at the facility. These are broad spectrum antibiotics intended to be delivered en masse through water systems, which suggests a significant level of ongoing disease risks, needing to be kept under control.

The stress induced by these conditions will likely also contribute to poorer immune function in these young animals, who were reportedly weaned onto lamb milk replacer instead of staying with their mothers, and piled into concrete cells.

Beagles have been bred over centuries to be used by humans and consequently have an inherent drive to seek human contact; the footage shows the puppies anxiously looking for caregivers and becoming excited when people enter the shed. T

his is heartbreaking to watch, knowing that minimal to no affection is provided by the workers, and even basic care appears to be lacking. Food and water appears to be delivered through automatic feeders and metal nipple drinkers, as would be the case in pig and poultry factory farms, for example. This system also allows mass medication to be administered to the animals as described above.