

**Submission  
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# **COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Joint Standing Committee Members

Below is my submission to the Inquiry into Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW.

I am writing to the Inquiry in the hope that Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW can be improved and regulated to avoid the current abusive practices and animal cruelty. I refer mainly to puppy farms.

- 1) Give more money to the RSPCA to allow them to investigate and do REGULAR inspections to ensure that dog breeding facilities are properly run and regulated and no animal cruelty is occurring.
- 2) Give RSPCA and local Councils a greater ability to be able to remove dogs and ensure they are rehabilitated, or, if not possible, euthanised.
- 3) Give RSPCA and local Councils greater powers to recommend closing down breeding facilities that do not meet regulated best practice.
- 4) Implement huge penalties if licenced breeders do not follow a proper legislated regime. Implement a system of giving one or two warnings and if substantial improvement does not occur then order the facility to be closed down.
- 5) When a person's breeding facility has been closed down for cruelty to dogs ensure that the person can never be registered again in any animal breeding facility.
- 6) Reduce the number of breeding female dogs that a breeder can own and ensure regular Vet checks are undertaken on all dogs, especially the female breeding dog, to ensure that there is a limit to the number of litters she has.
- 7) Put a ban on breeders selling their puppies/dogs in pet shops. Keep pet shops for the RSPCA, Council pounds and dog rescue groups.
- 8) Ensure that the RSPCA and/or Council workers regularly check online sites to make sure that illegal puppy breeders are not selling online.
- 9) Have an annual review of all regulated practices to ensure they are working properly.

Yours sincerely

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