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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To whom it may concern,

As a tax paying resident of New South Wales and long time animal shelter volunteer. I wish to register my absolute support for a banning of companion animal sales within pet stores and by unregistered breeders.

Currently tens of thousands of innocent animals are euthanised annually within New South Wales. Rescue organisations are overwhelmed by a lack of support from their government and huge increases in numbers of homeless and unwanted animals needing care. This is only increased when there are no rules demanding dogs and cats be desexed, or any strong legislations outlawing breeding and overbreeding of dogs.

I feel the current legislation is inadequate. I feel that

- * Backyard breeding should be completely outlawed
- * Limits on numbers of registered breeders to be enforced
- * Banning of the sale of pets within pet shops, unless they are from registered rescue organisations
- * Harsher penalties for unregistered breeders or pet
- * Government incentives and support to make desexing pets more affordable/free to ensure no more unwanted kittens and puppies.

In a civilized society it astounds me that there is not more being done.

Thank you