

**Submission
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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Companion Animal Breeding in N.S.W. Enquiry.

To the committee members: My name is Paula Jacobi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am not a breeder nor do I own a Pet Shop but I am concerned by the number of abandoned animals each year inundating shelters and pounds resulting in many being euthanized.

My proposal:

1. The prohibition of cats, kittens, dogs and puppies being sold at Pet Shops.
2. Legislation requiring people to report stray companion animals on their property.
3. Ownership recognised for people registering animals on the Companion Animal Register.

The reasons:.

1. Pet Shops should not be permitted to sell cats, kittens, dogs and puppies because it promotes spontaneous and impulse buying giving no thought to the commitment required. The animals are not micro chipped or de-sexed and no follow up is ever given to ensure the animals have been micro chipped or de-sexed. Shelters and pounds vet applicants wishing to adopt as well as ensuring the animals are micro chipped and de-sexed.
2. Anyone with a companion animal on their property for more than 48 hours that is not theirs should be legally obliged or compelled to advise someone that it is there. They can notify the local council who keep the companion animal register and the description of missing animals, or the R.S.P.C.A., the local vets, the local pound, placing a notice at the local shopping centre, or place a post on the various web sites such as Lost Pet Finders, Gumtree Lost and Found Pets or Facebook Lost Pets.
3. Anyone micro chipping and registering a companion animal should have ownership recognition enabling them the legal right to have the animal returned to them should someone find the animal and decide to keep it.

Remarks:

I have never thought it appropriate to have small animals in shop windows because they shouldn't be purchased on a whim. They are living breathing things who require care, time and commitment. Some of these animals end up on the streets unwanted and abandoned. Points 2 and 3 are purely personal as I have 2 missing

cats. One was taken and dumped and hung around a back yard for some days unnoticed before running away. The second cat was frightened and ran away and while I was searching the local reserve and door knocking on my side of the street the cat has been living 10 houses along on the opposite side of the street since November but the occupants of the house have never made any attempt to locate her owner. I am now told the cat has gone elsewhere but I have no legal right to demand my cat returned to me if she is indeed still there. If either person had notified only the local council I would have both my cats home today. There needs to be a message that you can't keep someone else's pet.