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

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a. comparison with other jurisdictions less relevant than getting it right, i.e. not aspiring for the minimum responsibility.

b-c. all breeders should require licensing, and licences should be issued only after inspection by qualified, paid inspectors. Number of animals per breeder should be determined according to breeder's facilities and capacity to find buyers. Licences should require renewal, following inspection of premises and sales records.

d. Ban sale of dogs and cats in pet stores.

e. Obviously, the above-mentioned recommendations will require EFFECTIVE legislation with a minimum of grandfather clauses and other loopholes. Prior to sale to the non-breeder public, all animals should be desexed, microchipped, and documented accordingly.

f. In addition to the expense of inspection, raid, prosecution, not-for-profit animal welfare groups are stuck with the huge burden of confiscated animals - veterinary care, kennel expenses, rehoming advertisements and sadly, also euthanasia. This is hard enough when applied only to stray and surrendered companion animals. In the past few weeks, the Animal Welfare League has received approx., sixty animals confiscated from breeding establishments. The animals range from the grossly over-supplied little white toy dogs to a collection of mastiff crossbreeds. There is a necessity for government to give financial support to not-for-profit animal welfare groups for support in these matters. Provisions also should be made for some level of support to smaller animal rescue operations which work with municipal pounds.

At present, organisations and individuals are applying their energies and finances in efforts to compensate for governmental irresponsibility.

The cat problem continues at its own horrendous level, despite great efforts by people of good will. The impact on both wildlife and cat populations is terrible. It is time for government to face up to enforcement regulations for felines.