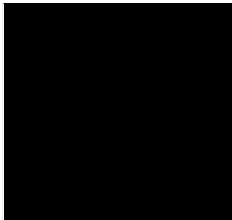


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# **COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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RE: Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales

To the Committee

My name is Trent Julien I am the owner of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is a full service pet retailer that specialises in puppies that are in high demand with a low abandonment rate, Every puppy sold

We source from registered vet inspected breeders  
We offer a 1 year guarantee on congenital defects and a 10 day guarantee on sickness  
We offer 30 days of pet insurance  
We vaccinate microchip and health check  
We treat for heartworm, intestinal worm, ear mites, fleas, and other parasites in all our puppies  
We offer Puppy Preschool socialisation and grooming for the life of every puppy sold  
We are constantly in contact with our customers and the lives of their puppies  
We offer life long ongoing support and advice  
We have [REDACTED] in the park days where dogs can return to visit their litter mates

**Rehoming Policy**

We offer a rehoming policy for the life of every puppy sold  
this means that if at any time a dog becomes unwanted for any reason, we will take it back and find it a new home at no cost to the customer  
in the 4 years we have had the rehoming policy we have only had to rehome 2 dogs  
this shows that these high demand breeds rarely end up being abandoned

I am alarmed to learn that NSW there is in consideration to ban the sale of animals in pet shops  
Pet shops are a regulated industry that abide by a strict code of practice  
Pet shops promote a responsible regulated solution to an industry associated with untruthful negative stigma

**The “Don’t buy, while shelter dogs die” Lie**

Currently in Australia certain interest groups are spreading lies and mistruths around the correlation between pet shops and animals in rescue and puppy farms  
they claim that there is systemic abuse throughout the industry and that **all** puppies in pet shops come from illicit rogue breeding facilities they refer to all breeders as Puppy Farmers  
these interest groups also claim that for every puppy sold in a pet shop a puppy in rescue will die this is extremely far from true if we look at sites like [REDACTED] we find that most of the problem dogs listed are not from regulated breeders nor are they ex Pet Shop puppies if we look at the listings of dogs for adoption we find that the vast majority are large bull breeds or high energy dogs I trust these rogue breeders who breed these larg breed high abandonment rate dogs will be the main target of your investigation

I look forward to a just and through investigation into companion animal breeding practices in NSW

We believe Pet Shops are not the problem but the solution and should not be banned

Regards

Trent Julien

