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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Committee,

Please accept this submission in support of the inquiry into companion breeding practices in New South Wales.

I firmly believe that companion animal breeding needs to be more strictly regulated to ensure that each animal is humanely treated throughout its life.

Regulation standards should include the following stipulations:

- All breeder's should be appropriately licensed and undergo both scheduled and 'spot' inspections of their breeding facilities/environments;
- All breeder's should be limited in the number of animals kept for breeding purposes;
- All breeder's should be members of an appropriate breeder's association;
- All breeder's should be required to submit details to a regulatory authority for each individual animal, to be recorded in an appropriate Register;
- All breeder's should be required to microchip animals prior to sale, and include their details with the animal record on the microchip register.

Furthermore,

- The sale of puppies and kittens should be banned from pet stores to ensure that 'profit' avenues for puppy and kitten 'farms' are removed, and also to promote the adoption of rescue dogs and cats.

I fully support any legislative changes that would be required to ensure the implementation of the above requirements and any systems and processes necessary to ensure breeder adherence.

The human treatment of companion animals is an important issue which needs to be addressed as a matter of importance and we appreciate our views being considered as part of this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,