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

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*Partially Confidential*

Dear Sirs,

I write to you with regard to the Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW.

My succinct history is that I've owned and run a Pet Shop for ten years + here in Australia. I've bred dogs both here and in the UK for the past 25yrs + and I was brought up in a household where my parents bred dogs. These dogs have been both show dogs and working trial dogs but no matter what we've bred the majority of any litter goes on to live in a pet environment with hopefully a loving family.

It is surely common sense to try and ensure that any animal bred in captivity is done so in the best possible conditions. It is also surely true that people that value their business would want to ensure that what they are selling is good, healthy and from a reliable source.

Currently it seems that what some groups are proposing is to remove from the purchase process the only factor that has welfare, viability and pet owning knowledge that is 100% visible to the public and the regulatory authorities.

On the day of first drafting this letter there are 70 dogs available to be re-homed at the local RSPCA centre. Of these not one is a dog under 10kg. There are no fluffy dogs of the type that we sell and predominantly recommend for families.

If this committee is serious about ensuring that the volume of unwanted dog is reduced and that good breeding practices can be effectively monitored a good place to start has to be with breeds that are over 10kg.

- \* introduce new license for 10Kg+ dogs (exception farmers and hobbyists)
- \* introduce breeding license for 10kg+ dogs no exceptions.
- \* ban the sale of 10kg+ for shops.