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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Given the amount of cats and dogs that are required to be kept by volunteer organisations / shelters or killed each year action should be taken and legislation made to minimise this.

Legislation should be made to account for pets (mainly dogs and cats) for life from birth to death.

This would be done through a Register.

If someone was to surrender an animal to a shelter they would have to pay for their care for the remaining part of their life (base on estimate remain life span x \$......) This money would go to strictly regulated Animal Shelters who would have to provide high level care.

The issue of killing and disposing of pet etc would be dealt with fines greater than the surrender fee.

People would be careful to make the choice of taking a pet if they know it is 'for life'

Of course there would be exemptions to this in certain circumstances.

The cost of enforcement would be offset by various economies achieved and put down to an 'Ethical Society Cost'

There would be obvious other aspects and fine tuning which would have to be done which cannot be explained in detail here

The benefits are: 1. drastic reduction in the amount of unwanted pets that are born because the demand would drop. 2. The increased requirement for shelter care would be there but reasonably funded. 3. People who surrender animals would have the satisfaction of knowing their animals will be well cared for and not killed. 4. A more ethical and moral society would result