

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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My submission comes in 4 parts, As a former animal breeder, as an adopter of rescued animals, and as a farmer of beef cattle and as an advocate against the pitiful sentences imposed upon those who abuse animals.

My first is against animal breeders who do the wrong thing.:-

In this area are the breeders who over breed and those who try to breed so-called exotic breeds. This happens in both cats and dogs/ My wife with my assistance entered the Cat world almost 40 years ago. My wife was a top breeder of Persian and Exotic (short haired Persians). About a decade ago we ceased breeding due to old age. In those years we only sold desexed cats unless to a highly qualified breeder who was known to us to do the right thing. All others were sold desexed and then only sold to those who were not put through the old "third degree" by my wife but the "tenth degree". Too many people objected to our desexed rule saying they wanted to have a litter. We did not sell to these people. Unfortunately many breeders do not adhere to such restrictions and we condemn them. Also many in both the cat world and the dog world got the idea of breeding crossbreeds to create weird breeds which they described as exotics. Unfortunately this crossbreeding caused many malfunctions which resulted in too many kittens and puppies put down.

My second is against those who purchase puppies or kittens and then abandon them.

Too many people love puppies and kittens and then fall out of love when they, the kittens and puppies, grow up.

Over the past 50+ years all our dogs have come from the RSPCA. All have been responsive to a loving home and have been great towards other animals. We have mainly had German Shepherds who have all been great with other animals on our farms at the time. When we were breeding show cats they would jump over kittens which they could have easily stepped over. They would mingle with all forms of farm animals, including sheep, chickens, goats, cattle and horses without aggression. They have also been great with children. Our latest a Staghound just sits and lets children from our adjacent Public School play and pat her as she does with our grandchildren. Our girl has bad arthritis due to a serious injury she received before she was deserted to the RSPCA. A stand should be taken against these callous people

My third is against farmers large and small who rightfully treat their animals as an asset. My beef, sorry for the pun, is against those who will not cut their losses and are willing to sell their sick cattle at a sale rather than show mercy and have them put down.

My last submission is against the various levels of the Judiciary who let offenders against animals with too light sentences. We see too many scum virtually get away with no conviction and a virtual slap on the wrist for their viscous acts of cruelty. Bring the judiciary i

My submission comes in three parts