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**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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I do not believe that vets should be prohibited from being able to provide a surgical artificial insemination service for dogs. I do not believe it is inherently cruel. When compared with the spey procedure, which obviously may result in short term discomfort, the anaesthetic for surgical insemination is brief & the surgery itself involves minimal tissue damage. Correct post op care and pain relief means the great majority of dogs recover within a few hours.

The focus for animal welfare would be better served in abolishing any form of the use of animals for sport, including all forms of horse racing, greyhound racing and sports fishing or the breeding of animals. such as minks, for enormous profits. Many of these industries results in horrific husbandry conditions.