

**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES**

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To NSW Politicians

Dogs are 'mans best friend" They are our beloved friends. They offer all of us something we can not get from other humans, unconditional love. Dogs are not judgmental and they are capable of offering much needed love and support to all of humanity.

If all that is not enough they also offer much in the way of physical and mental help to many in our community.

- A deaf person can be alerted by a dog if their is someone knocking on their door
- A blind person can be guided through a busy area safely
- A dog can be used at airports to smell food matter brought in by an overseas traveller
- A dog can offer medical assistance to a diabetic by smelling them and alerting them that their sugars are too high
- A dog can calm a child who suffers from acute anxiety
- Dogs have been used extensively in war and have been honoured for their efforts and sacrifice
- Many people with disability used dogs as companions to offer daily reassurance as they invoke a seance of hapiness and encourage humans to live mindfully

However even though they give us so much and offer so much value to our lives and enhance our lives so much for the better we are letting them down.

In NSW in 2022 it is perfectly legal for a factory puppy farm to hold 800 dogs with zero Government regulation or protections.

Female dogs are forced to churn out liter after litter until they are no longer able to then discarded to a pound without a second thought or if she sustains injuries or dies during labor she is denied the basics of vet attention and instead thrown on a pile of other dead dogs in a corner of a paddock.

How can we stand idly by and do nothing while this cruelty continues year after year right under our noses. What kind of society are we to turn off our conscience and allow this cruelty.

All dogs deserve love. Domestic dogs that are part of a family are loved and cared for. They are walked, fed nutritious food, petted and receive praise. They are washed, walked and taken on family holidays. If they fall sick they are taken to a vet and receive medications.

Dogs held on factory puppy farms receive none of these vital things.

They are kept in cages in large sheds, some never even stand up at all.

I spoke to a lady in a café last year who rescued an ex puppy farm dog that was unable to stand up because she was kept in a cage all her life and so never walked and her muscles had wasted away.

I have heard horrendous accounts of puppy farmers shooting female dogs that no longer were able to produce litters.

I read the awful story of Strawberry the boxer who was left to die after giving birth to puppies where the last puppy died inside her and she was cast on a ile of dead dogs while at the same time her puppies were flown over to be sold for thousands of dollars in an upmarket pet store in a ritzy Perth suburn .

This is all perfectly legal in NSW where our government does not seem to care one bit about these heartless practices and do nothing to stop it.

I saw on the project a while ago a woman who visited a puppy farm to buy a dog. She saw the puppy was liming and when she questioned the puppy farmer he told her that this was normal for anew born pupy. She purchased the pupy for \$5000 and when she took the dog to the vet was told the dog needed surgery costing \$15000. Another woman bought a similar puppy with birth defects and could not afford the medical bills so had to put the puppy down. The puppy farmer was very familiar with the fact that his dogs were producing puppies with birth defects but was more interested in the money it proveded that the health and well ebing of the puppies.

Enough is enough. It is time now in NSW that we do the right thing and bring in the much needed laws that finally put an end to the misery and barbaric suffering of animals. In the state of Victoria the Gov there has already brought in puppy farm legislation and have stopped the cruel puppy farm industry so why not NSW?  
Please pass this legislation