

Submission  
No 200

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Partially  
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To Whom This May Concern,

I am a member of The Royal NSW Canine Council T/A DogsNSW, which is governed by Australian National Kennel Council T/A DogsAUST.

I am a breeder, exhibitor, judge of Pedigreed dogs as well as a Certificate 3 Pet Groomer.

I am writing to you to ask for more clarification on the distinctions between the exhibition of animals at zoo, wildlife parks etc & the exhibition of dogs & cats at conformation shows?

I also have concerns regarding the powers of officers to enter premises. I am a small hobby breeder; since obtaining my breeders prefix (Stud name) in 1999, I have bred 61 puppies. My puppies are born in my house, in my laundry in fact, which is 7 metres from my bedroom. They stay in my house till they are 6 weeks old & have been vaccinated before they introduced to the other dogs on my property in my purpose built kennels. My kennels have been inspected by the RSPCA as per the DPI Guidelines for the breeding of dogs & cats. Apart from the internal kennel fence height not being of standard height, which is currently being remedied by my husband; we were found to be compliant. Another inspection is taking place on 22 March which will make us compliant.

Having officers enter my home at undefined times will cause undue stress on our household, with no control of communicable disease being introduced to our litters; should we have one at the time of entry. I find this to be unacceptable this is my home & I should have every right to refuse entry to it; the same as the rest of the community.

As mentioned previously I have bred 61 pups since 1999. So in this inquiry I would be considered a commercial enterprise. I bred as a hobby for the betterment of my breed I love the Collie (Rough).

During this time I have spent considerable money pursuing my love of this breed. With my girls not having more than 2 litters in their lifetime, some have none. Importing a dog from Switzerland to the cost of \$22 500. Having all dogs hip & elbow scored for hip & elbow dysplasia as well as fully DNA profiled. All this so I can provide my puppy buyers the healthiest puppy I can. I only breed a litter of pups when I desire to have a new puppy to show or to continue on the bloodline I am establishing.

How does this compare with puppy farms & or the backyard breeder who just bred a litter from their dog whether pedigreed or not to another dog whether the same breed or not & then sell their puppies for the same if not more than I charge for mine. As a groomer & a DNA collector I see these crossbred dogs given names like Cavoodle, Moodle, Labradoodle with their skin issues, cruciate ligament issues, not to mention their bad temperaments with many being nervous. There is no greater test of temperament than that of a show dog, who is man handled by people not known to them from a very early age. And if that dog doesn't have the temperament to deal with it it is desexed & rehomed. As a DNA collector I get phone calls from, "breeders" of these oodles wanting to get their dogs DNA tested so they can ascertain what breed they are so they can then work out how much they are going to be charging for their pups, this at 2 days of age of the puppies & a second litter from the crossbred mother. But they won't be affected by this inquiry as they fly under the radar?

Hobby breeders of pedigree dogs & cats are not the problem of the overpopulation of dogs & cats in this world.

My other concern is that there have been no regulations in this paper, if no regulations are notified does that mean that they can be added ad hoc & with no public consultations?

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