

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

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I have been involved with exhibiting, training and breeding pedigree dogs since 1976. I am also licensed to judge Toys, Terriers, Gundogs Hounds and Non sporting breeds.

I am worried that the Animal Welfare paper lumps everyone in together. I do not class myself as a commercial enterprise even though I have 12 dogs.

Some are geriatric over 7 years old and some have been desexed. I spend a lot of money on exhibiting them travelling all over NSW and sometimes interstate.

My dogs are family and when I do breed a litter they are initially housed in the spare bedroom. So I can see they are warm, safe and what is happening with the mother.

My kennels have been fenced for larger dogs but now I have smaller dogs who don't require metre high fences.

This is just another grab by the NSW government to fine those doing the right thing. My Puppies are microchipped and vaccinated before they leave my premises. I research those families wanting a puppy from me and sometimes say No you are not suitable. I will always take back one of my dogs for any reason if the buyer cannot keep them. In the past 40 years I have had to rehome two dogs.

I feel that this paper will be detrimental to those dog owners who are members of Dogs NSW affiliated with the ANKC. Those person who do not do the right thing will go underground and use the means they use now to breed dogs indiscriminately, not vaccinate or microchip and not even know the breed standard that had been part of the pure dog world for many hundreds of years.

Please please look at this submission and ask yourself do you want to see Labradors disappear. Bulldogs Cavalier KC Spaniels, Pugs Greyhounds Whippets Fox Terriers all gone because of the puppy farmers.

I want my breed to be here another hundred years at least. We test for health issues and are governed by DNSW and I have a good relationship with my vet.

What else can I do. Talk to us we love our dogs and don't want to lose another part of our lives.
Regards