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

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Since legislation has been passed in other states, New South Wales has seen a surge in puppy farm applications. Laws to end puppy farms should involve restricting the number of animals a breeder can have, combat secretive online sales and ban the sale of animals in pet shops. Animal Welfare League NSW supports provision of the Five Freedoms of animal welfare. The Five Freedoms are internationally accepted standards of care that affirm every living being's right to humane treatment. These standards were developed by Britain's Farm Animal Welfare Council in 1965 and ensure that we meet the mental and physical needs of animals in care. These are the Five Freedoms:

Freedom from hunger and thirst.

Freedom from discomfort.

Freedom from pain, injury, and disease

Freedom to express normal behaviours.

Freedom from fear and distress.

Animal Welfare League NSW believes the production, promotion and sale of animals with a profit motive undermines these freedoms and takes away the ability for the animal to be a valuable individual in our society as a loved pet and companion. Animals that are used for the purpose of intense breeding often have multiple health complications and poorer-quality of life. They are often exploited for financial gain and disposed when no longer of use. Puppy farming is cruel and causes suffering and long term abuse for many dogs yet it remains completely legal in New South Wales. Our animals deserve better. Please stop puppy farms in New South Wales.

Yours Sincerely

Lisha Hammond-Walker