

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

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I am a volunteer foster carer for an animal rescue charity. I also own breed dogs and have fostered rescue dogs.

Puppies and dogs of any breed need more than just food, water and shelter, they need socialising and kindness - they are sensitive, living animals. Puppy farming is about money and all else, including the well-being of the animal, both physical and mental, is not considered. Puppy farming is cruel and unnecessary yet it is unbelievably still legal in NSW.

In an age where it has been proven that fear from abuse in a breeding dog, can be an inherent quality in the pups, we are knowingly creating situations that are bound to end poorly. The pups are sold only to become surrendered when they behave irrationally due to their fear of abuse. Or worse, when they fear bite and are put down.

Pounds and rescue organisations are overwhelmed with dogs that have been bought as puppies from puppy farms or backyard breeders. Something needs to happen now to stop this vicious cycle.

Pet shops should only be allowed to sell rescue animals. Female dogs should not be used to have litter after litter and then discarded.

Puppy farming needs to stop. We need your help to end this cruel and inhumane practice.

As someone who sees the end result of this practice, it is heartbreaking but while it is legal, I can only watch it happen.

You can make the difference here and put an end to puppy farming. Please.