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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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For many years, I was a foster carer for the Cat Protection Society here in Sydney. There were often times that the Society could not take every cat/kitten surrendered to it which was difficult, emotionally, for all. Too many animals are abandoned as it is.

Conditions in factory farms are cruel and society should abolish them, or at the very least place strict conditions on them to ensure they treat the animals with care...and respect. However, The reason I feel such animal farming is best outlawed entirely is because governments have never been able to enforce restrictions in just about any legislation enacted, money to enforce is never enough to do the job adequately so it's best to outlaw factory farming of cats and dogs and most other animals.

As a society, we should be fostering the notion of adopting animals from shelters rather than purchasing from babies from pet stores or the net.

I ask that closing down the industry is the best humane way to go to show we really care.

Thank you,
Linda Wilhelm