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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The current regulations are not protecting thousands of dogs and cats from the cruelty and suffering they are forced to endure in puppy and kitten farms. They are deprived of the care, love and their basic needs being met, which all animals deserve and is what makes their life worth living. Investigations have uncovered animals living in barren and appalling environments without adequate food, water, the outdoors, exercise, vet care and socialisation which is unacceptable.

An animal's purpose is not to breed to sell for the sake of profit and human companionship. If we like the idea of having a companion animal, then should we not be more concerned with where they are coming from and at what cost? Is it worth putting animals through pain, suffering and cruel living situations for human benefit, profit and companionship?

There is also the issue of companion animal's overpopulation and abandonment in the pounds and shelters, many of which are euthanised because there aren't enough homes to house this growing population. It's time to end intensive breeding cruelty in NSW. Please make the right decision on doing what is right for the welfare of these beautiful sentient beings that we love and adore to give them the life they deserve.