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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am really concerned to find out that we have not implemented and followed through with laws and regulations governing puppy and kitten farms. It is disgraceful in 2022 to hear this and see the tragic results.

There should be state-wide licensing or a registration scheme in place, with minimum staffing requirements to ensure animals get proper care, essential to have enforced limits on the number of litters dogs or cats can be allowed to have a year. Above all close surveillance of breeders who should have some qualifications and be experienced to be able to run, care and respect their dogs or cats.

Beyond the direct cruelty involved in uncaringly using animals in these facilities, puppy and kitten farms contribute to the constantly growing issue of companion animal overpopulation and abandonment.

Most of us imagine love and care accompanying dogs and cats giving birth and it is devastating to realise that many breeders are cruel, ignorant and probably don't even like animals Just the \$\$\$ they bring in.

They need to be stopped It is not OK sentient beings deserve care