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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I strongly support the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 because it will regulate puppy farms, hopefully to the point they will not exist, and is in line with Victorian and Western Australian legislation. The intensive breeding facilities lead to physical and mental suffering of these poor animals (dogs & cats). Intensive or mass overbreeding goes hand in hand with high pet abandonment rates. These despicable breeding facilities often means that female dogs & cats can be used as breeding animals for their entire lives.

For all these reasons, NSW needs stronger laws to ban these intensive breeding factories. All breeders, with more than 3 breeding animals, must register with their local Council before they can operate their business and also comply with regular inspections of their facilities. No more than 10 breeding animals (dogs or cats) are allowed and no more than two litters per female animal.

Furthermore pet shops must only be allowed to sell animals which are sourced from pounds or shelters, not from puppy farms or small time puppy breeders. Pet shops must also be subjected to regular inspections of their pet shop facilities. Questions must be asked about how animals are cared for over weekends and public holidays when Pet Shop Staff are not at work.

Veterinary checks must also be mandatory for each dog or cat of the breeder's business and must be carried out annually and before and after breeding. Too many horror stories abound about dogs who die following giving birth to their young. A fertile female should be a female dog or cat that is at least 12 months of age.

A staff ratio of at least one staff member for every five animals kept at the registered companion animal premises would help to ensure adequate care is provided for the breeding animals and puppies/kittens.

Puppy/kitten farms are the result of greedy people who do not give a damn about the animals and how they are treated, all these evil people care about is 'Profit'. The more profit the better, they do not feed, house or treat these poor animals properly.

Factory Farming of Any Animals is Appalling and Must be Banned!!