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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I call on the NSW government to follow the lead of governments in WA and Victoria to ban the large-scale breeding of companion animals.

Tragically, just like any other factory farming industry, the businesses that produce puppies and kittens thrive on shielding the suffering that underpins their operations.

Most people are unaware that dogs and cats inside the factory farms producing puppies and kittens are often kept in the most basic conditions that deprive them of everything that makes their life worth living.

Dogs and cats live in barren and putrid pens without adequate food, water, exercise, vet care, or socialisation -- their only 'purpose' is to produce puppies and kittens for breeders to sell.

Unlike the animals we share our homes with, they spend every waking moment without enrichment or companionship. Forced to produce litter after litter, they may be disposed of when their exhausted bodies slow down and produce fewer puppies.

When I bought my own mature dog from a 'reputable breeder', she had kennel cough, rotten teeth, and matted hair. She was frightened of everything and completely noise averse. And she cost me quite a lot of money - worth every penny just to rescue her from having to produce more litters.

We are supposed to be a nation of animal lovers. If so, let's prove it and pass legislation to ban these pet factories. That would also then lessen the flood of animals to rescue shelters.

Stand up for the rights of companion animals.