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**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES**

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This practice must stop, for all of the following reasons. Thank you.

Did you know that puppy farms and kitten farms treat animals like little more than breeding machines? At 'worst' we've seen abject cruelty, with animals kept in appalling conditions. And at 'best' — these facilities are just another form of factory farming — depriving dogs and cats of the love and companionship they crave.

Just as tough to take in is that due to the astronomical number of puppies and kittens being born at these facilities, the industry contributes to the companion animal abandonment crisis.

This leaves many rescue groups, shelters, and pounds with more animals than they can care for. In fact, every year in Australia, thousands of healthy dogs and cats are euthanised simply because the system is so overwhelmed.

Shockingly, all of this is legal in NSW. 'Puppy farms' and 'kitten farms' operate in the state with almost no effective regulation.

State-wide licensing or registration scheme?

Minimum staffing requirement to ensure proper care?

Limit on the number of litters dogs or cats are forced to have?

Qualification requirement for breeders?