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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Every year, in NSW, hundreds of ignorant, money hungry puppy farmers or backyard breeders put breeding pairs of dogs together and allow nature to take its course...litter after litter of pups. An easy cash crop, even easier than growing marijuana. These pups are then sold, often by illegal advertising on Facebook or Gumtree or out of a box at a local market. Rarely are these pups vaccinated or microchipped, sickly pups are quickly killed. No vet visits for these litters, or their parents who go on to reproduce again and again, kept in cages or chained up all their lives. No socialisation for these litters, no learning to walk on leads, no playing with families, lucky to be fed, watered or given any form of caring attention. Many of these pups go on to become aggressive, are abandoned, surrendered to pounds where their life expectancy is about seven days or if very fortunate, end up in a shelter, where just maybe, they may win the lottery of a loving, forever home. Both puppy farming and backyard breeding is cruel. It is all about greed, the care of the animals is last on the list. Every year, in NSW, hundreds of these accidental or purposeful litters of pups end up unwanted, dumped, hit on the head or euthanised. If we judge a country as civilised, by the way we look after our animals, NSW has a long way to go towards this goal. Puppy farming must be banned, backyard breeders regulated strictly with gaol sentences for the worst cruelty. Dogs, like all other animals are sentient creatures. It is obscene that they are treated as slaves, totally controlled by irresponsible, uncaring people motivated purely by greed. The laws around puppy farming, backyard breeders and dog fighting breeders are not enough to save these innocent creatures. Anyone of you law makers who have a pet dog at home, look into its eyes today, see the intelligence and unconditional love in those eyes, then think of the thousands of pups bred for all the wrong reasons and destined for all kinds of horrors, and see how your conscience lets you sleep tonight. You have the power to change the laws, to show NSW and the rest of Australia that these cruel practices are not going to be allowed anymore. Thousands of innocent puppies and the loving people who care about them, will thank you, for the courage you show by changing the laws. As a supposedly civilised country, show these greedy breeders its just not on. Thank you.