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INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am concerned about the high levels and methods of euthanasia in our pounds. If there was better cooperation with animal welfare organisations we could reduce the rates and with better rules and better policing and auditing we could reduce the cruelty. Animals shouldn't be euthanised if they are healthy enough to have a reasonable quality of life and where this isn't possible they should be euthanised painlessly, not shot.

Inherent in the mixing of animals and humans, there is animal cruelty. There needs to be a higher standard of care and an independent body employed to enforce such care.

Better community education on pet care and safety would reduce the amount of animals taken to pounds in the first place.