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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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As an owner of a 5 star cattery, [REDACTED], and President of [REDACTED], I feel qualified to tell you that puppy and kitten farming has no place in society whilst thousands of animals are dying in pounds every day. Over 250,000 a year.

Puppy and kitten farming is in nobodies interest except:

a) The breeders who are only interested in the money that is why it is called farming and not a registered breeder. Farming takes away the animals rights and the breeders responsibility. Because of the large numbers animals in a farming situation most animals are not socialised as adults or as babies and those that are not suitable are euthanized. (Something the public never hears about or sees). Most are not from approved society parents and carry defect or have had a disease that will resurface during the animals lifetime.

It is impractical to treat such large numbers of animals in the manner the public would expect the parents of their new family member to be treated.

b) Councils who have no interest in animal welfare and in fact do not give it any time or effort despite getting paid by the rate payer to look after their animals. Animal welfare is normally lumped in with Parking fines and bush fire duties with councils but only if they get time does animal welfare get attention. The rangers are not trained to handle animals especially cats and are not trained to deal with the public. 99% of our complaints are about the rate payer not having access to their animals whilst they are in the pound except for one hour a day and the attitude by rangers that if it's an animal it is inconvenient for them to spend their time on trying to find solutions or to get the animal back home.

The animals not being looked after whilst in the pound with the animals health and welfare normally consist of a visit from a ranger one hour a day.

The animals not being given a chance to be rehomed and the waste of the rate payers money when they transfer their responsibility to a "high kill shelter" who are paid per animal to take them in and were some of the animals paws never touch the shelter but are shunted to a room to be immediately euthanized.

c) And final the RSPCA, LDH and other government funded rescues who take on Pound contracts and are paid per animal that are supposed to be the ultimate in animal welfare but kill more animals than they rehome. These large pound contracts have no positive outcome for the animals or the people who choose not to look after their animals. The ability of the councils to shift their responsibility from the one on one community relationship to the high kill shelters does not result in any changes but helps fuel the broken system that we call "animal welfare".

Huge money to be made on every step in this journey by all but the unfortunate animals of puppy and kitten farms that pump the facilities to overflowing with unwanted and un need animals into a community where everything is disposal able. Proof daily is saying that this industry is a trade in death and cannot be regulated or supervised therefor should not exist.

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