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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am a registered dog breeder with Dogs NSW and the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC). As such I am bound by their Code of Conduct and rules and regulations. As a responsible breeder I loath what I see in my community every day with the thousands of dogs (and Cats) put down because of both irresponsible breeding practices and irresponsible owners.

What ever is the outcome of this enquiry it should ONLY support responsible breeders who are registered and controlled by the Codes of Conduct of Dogs NSW and the ANKC and who at the very least:

Do not sell their pups to or through pet stores. Instead, they personally screen and select homes for their puppies, advise people on caring for the breed, turn away people whose lifestyle, commitment or home situation does not fit the breed, test for and guarantee the health and temperament of their puppies, have detailed documentation of their pups' lineage, demonstrate knowledge about canine health, genetics, socialization and development, and take back their animals at any time and age if the buyers cannot keep them.

Are involved in the showing of purebred dogs. This can take the form of conformation dog shows, and other competitions involving obedience trials, Agility and other dog sports . Show and performance events enable responsible breeders to ensure that their dogs display the desired physical and behavioural traits desired for the particular breed.

Value their reputation for seeking to improve the breed. They do not sell pups as a for-profit business. NO DOG BREEDER should be operating as a business and if they are they should be subject to the full force of DPI regulations!! Indeed, most reputable breeders lose money, since breeding and caring for puppies in a responsible, quality-focused manner is typically expensive. They breed only dogs that are themselves good pets and fine representatives of their breed.

Evaluate the health of their pups using sound, standardised genetic and other testing as available and as recommended for the individual breed. Thorough genetic screening enables responsible breeders to minimize their chances of producing a health-compromised puppy.

Take back the dog at any point in his or her life for whatever reason the purchaser no longer wants or can care for the animal.

Place all pet quality animals with a contract requiring the purchaser to spay/neuter the pup.

Provide advice and guidance to purchasers, placing pups only with people who demonstrate they can provide safe, responsible homes.

Breeds from mature dogs only and in accordance veterinary advice and Dogs NSW rules on the number of times bred.

Do not separate a pup from the mother and litter before at least 8 weeks of age.

When the commercial breeding industry can support, endorse and fulfil these standards then look at regulating and properly auditing but until that day comes BAN THEM!