

INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I wish to express my utmost concern that intensive puppy and kitten farming continues in 2022 without any regulation. The laws and regulations governing puppy and kitten farms are woefully inadequate. There is no state-wide licensing or registration scheme in place, no minimum staffing requirement to ensure proper care, no limit on the number of litters dogs or cats are forced to have, and no qualification requirement for breeders. The animals are treated as breeding machines only and the conditions that which they live deprive them of everything that makes their life worth living. Dogs live in barren and putrid pens without adequate food, water, exercise, vet care, or socialisation. Unlike the animals we share our homes with, they spend every waking moment without enrichment or companionship. Forced to produce litter after litter, they may be disposed of when they simply cannot have any more puppies.

Beyond the direct cruelty involved in using animals in these facilities, puppy and kitten farms contribute to the constantly growing issue of companion animal overpopulation and abandonment. Each year in Australia, thousands of healthy dogs and cats are euthanised in pounds and shelters, simply because there aren't enough homes for them. Consumer demand for buying companion animals rather than rescuing strengthens a market for unscrupulous operators and the cycle of suffering continues.

Victoria and Western Australia have taken a stance against large-scale breeding operations. I implore NSW to follow suit and end intensive breeding cruelty. We live in a modern age and such animal cruelty should not exist in 2022.