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As a person who has seen firsthand the abuse of three dogs in two years, I have had interaction with both council and RSPCA. In all cases the “our hands are tied” response left two dogs in absolute misery for far too long, the third vanished to an unknown fate. Anika the dog in the photo was eventually seized but through a loophole has now been returned to her owner.

Dogs are not property, they are living things and deserve the right to have their basic needs met and should never be in daily fear of their lives. They need adequate shelter, food and clean water.

Please tighten the laws. Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), strong financial penalty to act as deterrent, and animals seized. Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws.

Yours Sincerely

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