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To whom it may concern,

We need to put a stop to puppy farms in Australia and in my home state of QLD. I am ashamed that my government is allowing this atrocious practice to continue. I believe that my dog came from a puppy farm (although I have no proof and this atrocity wasn't a known fact 10 years ago), as she has major anxiety issues and is seeing a specialised vet for her mental health issues.

Below are some facts to consider:

- Standards and guidelines must include: mandatory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies before sale; capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3; mandatory desexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as rehoming program; adequate housing/space, exercise, enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as regular human contact; mandatory record keeping; and capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 10.
- The legislation should cover all dogs (no exemptions for working dogs, for example).
- 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.
- The sale of pets in pet shops should be banned (unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups)

This needs to stop we are their voices as they have none. They hurt the same as us, don't do the right thing please.

Regards,
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