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To whom it may concern;

After having adopted a dog from a rescue group that is suspected to be from a puppy farm, my opinion is that puppy farms should be illegal.

There are so many animals in shelters needed homes and so many will be killed while we allow greedy humans to make a business by producing more puppies in appalling conditions. Puppy farm owners do not have animal welfare in mind, they just have a \$ sign and that is just discussing.

Breeders should be controlled under legislation and puppy farms should be illegal

Standards and guidelines for breeders 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; and only allow to breed once per year; 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, including the registration of all puppies to include details of sire/dam; and capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 5/10, depending on space available

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 permanently 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)

Regards

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