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To whom it may concern,

Currently the bill to protect dogs and puppies in QLD was announced, which is a fantastic step in the right direction, however it was lacking in some crucial points that will assist in eradicating puppy farming and mistreatment of dogs. The following points are ones that I believe must be included if we are to see progress in the right direction for the treatment of animals, in this case, dogs.

- 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)

*Kind regards,*

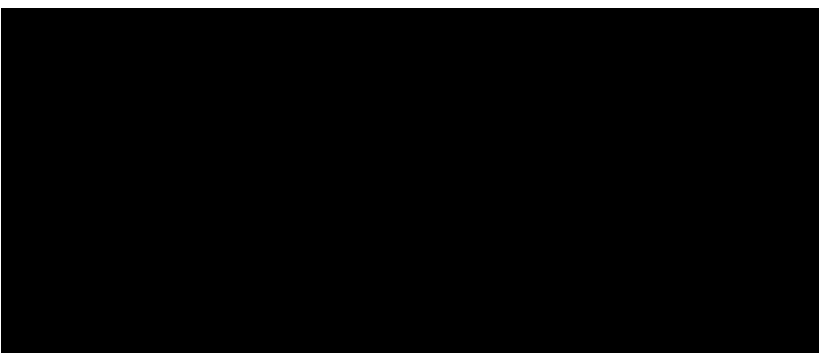
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