From: Submission No. 97

To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
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Dear Sir.

Having worked in animal welfare I find myself unable to not stand up for the needs of animals. They have no ability to help themselves and so I believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that they are protected from any form of cruelty. To this end, I respectfully ask that you totally ban puppy and kitten farms. Further I ask that all breeders of such animals must be on a register and pay a fee. This should apply to anyone who breeds a dog or cat, however, as this is likely to prove impractical, at least let us ensure that people who breed animals as a business are properly registered and monitored. There should be clear laws and regulations set down as to how many litters, housing, care, etc and such regulations should be strictly enforced with severe fines and removal of licenses where necessary. Frankly there are too many dogs and cats available, they are not valued, and puppy farms are a major cause of this situation. Sincerely,

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