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I am against Puppies being bred on puppy farms and sold in pet shops at present as there are no laws to protect these animals from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

I would like to see breeding females have only 3 litters and that any one breeder may only have 10 dogs for breeding purposes on their property at any one time. Also de-sexing should be mandatory for any puppies sold and also for retired breeding dogs. Animals must be allowed adequate space for housing and have regular human contact. All dogs and breeders should be covered under this legislation.

Dogs should be given regular exercise and concise records must be kept in regards to all animals used for breeding as too many animals are exploited at present.

Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked, face hefty fines and animals should be seized.

The RSPCA Qld and Queensland Police should be able 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. I now have a dog bought as a "toy" for a toddler to play with. She was left neglected in the back yard for months after the novelty of the impulse buy wore off. Disgraceful! Animals are not "toys" and should be protected.

I thank you for your time.

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