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Whilst I acknowledge that The Queensland Government's recently announced Bill (*Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*) to protect dogs and puppies in this state goes some of the way towards protecting animals used in the puppy farming industry -which is very welcome news- I still believe that the legislation falls well short of what is really needed to protect these animals and put a stop to puppy farming.

To ensure the safety of and to end abuse I believe that the following should also happen:

- 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)

Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission. As a foster-carer and adopter of ex-racing greyhounds I am well aware of the ugly side of over-breeding and puppy-farming and what it does to dogs. I would very much like to see an end to this practice.

Yours faithfully,  
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