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We are writing regarding the Bill that is being introduced to protect dogs and puppies in Queensland. Whilst we are supportive of the proposed aims of the bill we feel that the proposed methods to achieve these aims fall short and that more needs to be done.

We would suggest that the proposed legislation regarding breeding dogs include mandatory regular health checks. A cap on the number of litters breeding dogs can produce, say 3. A cap on the number of breeding dogs on any property, say 10. Provision of adequate space for housing and exercising of breeding dogs. Desexing of retired breeding dogs and provision of a rehoming program for them. Adequate time allowed for the breeding dogs to be able to engage in normal dog type behaviour and regular human contact. There also should be extensive records kept that control all the previous suggestions and also control inbreeding. All proposed and existing breeding establishments should be licensed and rigorously inspected very regularly .

Regarding the puppies, there should also be health checks and all puppies should be desexed before sale. There should be no sales of pets allowed in pet shops thus ensuring that people who desire to buy puppies must purchase them direct from the breeders and see their facilities and the condition of the parent dogs.

Working dogs should not be exempt from the legislation, it should cover all dogs.

Strong penalties should be introduced for people who are guilty of animal welfare offences whether by illegal breeding or other means and these penalties should be framed so they really have teeth. The Police and the RSPCA should have extra resources to be able to investigate suspected offences and enforce these strong penalties and there should be far stronger minimum penalties applied so that the court system cannot be "kind hearted" to perpetrators.

The Late Mahatma Ghandi put it succinctly :

*"The Greatness of a Nation and it's moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"*

Yours in Compassion,

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