

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Submission for legislation to end puppy farming
Date: Monday, 7 March 2016 3:27:29 PM

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission for legislation to end puppy farming

Through social media web sites the general public have been introduced to a frightening world. It is a world few knew existed; in this case may I respectfully bring to your attention the cruel and appalling existence of the 'puppy farm'.

I believe as we now are aware of these inhumane breeding facilities we must act to eradicate each and every one of them.

This can only be accomplished through legislation, enforcement, and education. Legislation will prohibit persons from pursuing this style of income, enforcement will punish those that are tempted to continue. Lastly, education will help people be more aware of the suffering they either cause or perpetuate.

I consider Standards and Guidelines must exist and must be compiled in such a way as to establish a system that cannot be abused.

- Compulsory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies prior to sale. This to include **all** dogs; for example pedigree, crossbred, and working dogs.
- Capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3.
- Mandatory de-sexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as for the latter a rehoming program.
- Adequate housing/space, exercise, and enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as appropriate and recognised regular human contact.
- Mandatory record keeping of all dogs and puppies kennelled and sold.
- The capping of total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 5. This could be increased to a maximum of 10 when a breeder has proven their establishment ethics, ie all care and health checks comply.

- 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 all animals seized.

- Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce all animal welfare laws.

- The sale of pets in pet shops must be banned unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups.

I thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

Pamela Twinning
Lockrose, 4342
Queensland.