

**Meeting to be held 9th June 2009
2:15pm until 3:15pm
Panel FEHD**

New Proposed Amendments to The Regulation Of Pet Shops And Pet Breeders.

Dear Lawmakers,

I find this is not a realistic amendment to the Pet Breeders Law LC Paper No.CB (2)1755/08-09(03)

" Dogs obtained from bona fide private pet owners "

I ask you to look up on a dictionary the true meaning of this expression " bona fide "

Taken from HARRPER'S Mini English Dictionary " bona fide " 1. adj
" make good in good faith "

How can the law be left down to good faith?

The law must be stated in very clear words and terms when you are dealing with people the law must be laid down in writing.

It is no secret that unregulated breeding is creating unhealthy puppies.

There are too many breeders who are more concerned with putting dollars into their own pockets instead of the welfare of the mother and her puppies.

In conjunction, the number of pet animals imported into HK should also be regulated.

At this time there is no limit as to how many pet animals can be brought into HK by local breeders or hobby breeders.

These animals are coming into an already over populated animal market where over 25,000 dogs are put to sleep each year, as we have too many dogs and not enough homes for them.

Changes need to be made to the animal law NOW !!

Puppies within a few days of their birth should be registered with a vet and a birth certificate issued, then followed up with a micro-chip implant /vaccinations and paperwork filed.

This would make every animal traceable in Hon Kong thus making it easier to prove and punish offenders who break the law.

In addition abandoning an animal should be considered as an act of cruelty and heavy fines should be enforced on the offender.

Repeat offenders should be imprisoned.

Even today animals are being dumped out onto the streets or left in country parks to fend for themselves, this is a very cruel act to these animals who have domesticated for hundreds of years now.

Why is it nothing happens to these owners while the animals suffer ?

I do think it's very important that you re-look at your proposal and add more conditions to protect the animals who can not speak up, and will always be the silent victims.

Susan Wong