

Thursday 8th May 2008

To : Panel on Food & Environmental Hygiene.
Legislative Council Secretariat.
Legislative Council Building.
8, Jackson Road.
Central.
Hong Kong.

Letter Supporting The New Proposed Amendments To The
Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Bill.

Meeting : Tuesday 13th May 2008 - 2.30pm - Legislative Council
Building.

Dear Sirs, as a member of the public I totally and fully support the
new proposed amendments to the prevention of cruelty to animals
bill.

We very much welcome and thank all those who have worked so
hard on this proposed bill.

I have three dogs and one more which I am fostering for an animal
charity while he has various operations on his back legs, problems as
a direct result of poor breeding, he's an abandoned pedigree dog.
To be so young and so sick and in need of many operations before
he will be able to walk properly is terrible. He is one of thousands
born in this condition and later dumped by breeders.

All of these animals are from the breeding trade, non of which I
bought from a pet shop myself, but picked them up later when they
had been bumped out as they were so sick and in need of a lot of
medical help.

What these bad breeders are doing is a CRIME in my eyes and have
no regard or respect for animals. I speak from many years of first
hand animal experience here in Hong Kong.

What life can this be for an animal to always be pregnant each
season?

These breeders are causing a great deal of pain for animals by first breeding these animals in such poor and dirty cramped conditions. Secondly irresponsible breeding where they are over-breeding the animals.

Not only are these animals full of very dangerous life threatening diseases, but also have various bone conditions which required expensive painful operations.

All BONE CONDITIONS ARE INHERITED AS A RESULT OF BAD BREEDING !!!

I have full documentation of all my vet bills / x-rays showing their deformed bone structure. For two of my dogs I have obtained the original receipt from the pet shop where they were bought by the person who thought they were saving the puppies lives.

But ofcourse by buying sick animals from a pet shop just puts more money into bad breeders pockets. Non of these animals were micro-chipped when found.

I would actually like the law to go a step further by limiting the years an animal can be used as a "breeding bitch " by the breeders and forced into a puppy factory, resulting in a horrible life.

Ofcourse the only way to rule out all the inherited bone conditions would be to introduce a breeding licence to the actual dog which would only be issued by The SPCA for each dog who is marked for as a " "breeding bitch " and a "breeding Stud " dog.

X-rays would need to be taken of such dogs and a full medical report issued this would be the only way to rule out this problem, therefore breeders by law would only be allowed to breed a licenced dog with another licenced dog.

I really do hope in order to help the animals to have some kind of quality of life these amendments should be passed as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerly
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Member of the public

