



New Pet Trade Proposals Atten : Miss Liza Lam Legco

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To:

Dear Miss Lam

I am encouraged by the new licensing proposals for the breeding and selling of dogs in Hong Kong. Coming from the UK where the Kennel Club imposes strict regulations on breeders I was surprised by the lack of any governance on breeding dogs here in Hong Kong.

As a vet who has worked here for 7 years, it is always with great sadness that I see so many sick puppies that have been sold to the general public, often costing them thousands of dollars. Sometimes these puppies die from viruses like canine distemper or parvo which spread like wildfire amongst immunologically naive, underfed puppies who have been taken from the mothers too early, just so the breeder or pet shop can earn more money.

I approve these proposed amendments to breeding dogs in Hong Kong as I believe it is necessary on animal welfare grounds.

I hope that in the future these amendments can be improved to ensure dogs with genetic disorders are not bred from. Currently, vets in Hong Kong see hundreds of dogs with crippling disorders which could have been prevented, for example hip dysplasia in Golden Retrievers. All breeders must have their breeding dogs hip scored in the UK.

I hope my comments are helpful and the proposed amendments are passed.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone