



Proposed amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations

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Dear Sirs,

I fully support the proposed amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations.

Being a volunteer at a rescue organization, I have experienced first hand how dogs coming from hobby breeders have been ill-treated for the purpose of making money, and then mercilessly abandoned when they are no longer of use to such breeders. I have also seen how certain people, having bought what they thought are pure-breed puppies, have been misled by the pet shops and subsequently abandon the poor animals (either on the streets, country park or to AFCD). The rescue organizations, run on donations, take the dogs in and try to rehome them as best they can. If the proposed amendments are enacted, it would at least limit the damage done. In fact, I would advocate for more restrictive/prohibitive laws and regulations against animal breeding/trading, and more deterrent fines for violations of laws. I think it is high time that Hong Kong, being a cosmopolitan city, follow the examples set by cities such as Los Angeles and Toronto, in banning the sale of puppies/kittens/dogs/cats in pet shops so that cruelty to animals can be stamped out.

Yours faithfully,

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