



Proposed amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations (Cap. 139B)

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Dear Miss Liza Lam,

In respect of the proposed amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations, I generally agree though believe the proposed changes are not strict enough. I would like you to consider the following:

1. Animal Breeder License A to permit no more than four entire female breeding bitches in the premises - 4 bitches is too many. If each bitch produces a litter of 10 puppies, that would be 40 puppies cramped in a small flat at any one time, which is inhumane. 40 puppies could provide a fortune to a "Hobby Breeder", and hence these should also be classified as "Commercial Breeders". The number of bitches should be capped at a maximum of 2.
2. Enforcement of the current laws against pet shops is essential. There are too many pet shop puppies that have not been vaccinated, have no updated license and no register owner. As a result when such a puppy is abandoned, no-one is held responsible. This must change. AFCD must ensure all pet shops keep proper records, which AFCD can access at any time.
3. Fines imposed for illegal trading of animals should be increased to a minimum of HK\$10,000. This is more reasonable when compared to a \$1,500 fine for littering or \$5,000 fine for smoking in a designated non-smoking area; and is also a bigger deterrent for such traders.

I fully support the route AFCD is taking. I trust my comments are taken into consideration and Legco will do the right thing.

Kind regards,
Miss. Wing-Yun Wong

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"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Mahatma Ghandi