



Re: Proposed Amendments to Public Health (Animal Traders)

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Proposed Amendments to Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B)

New proposed amendments :

I agree in general, but do feel there are many areas that these proposed amendments do not touch.

The animal breeding trade has become a highly lucrative one which has attracted a large number of unscrupulous people who are generally more interested in profit than in the welfare of the animals they breed.

The time has come to clamp down on all this activity, by placing really strict measures in place.

1) DNA Testing should be added to the licence.

Many of the offspring are born with congenital problems due to a lack of control over their genetic lineage. DNA testing would address this problem along with full body x-rays.

2) Welfare must be made a priority for all breeding dogs.

I feel what is proposed doesn't protect these animals who are bred into their old age.

An age limit should be enforced on breeding dogs and they must be kept by the breeder as a family pet there after.

3) Health vet checks should also be included in the licence permit, along with a health certificate issued to each breeding dog, renewed yearly.

Only Government designated vet clinic's would be allowed to issue these certificates.

4) I totally support the proposal to empower The AFCD Director to revoke a licence and ban traders for life as other countries do.

5) Regarding the 4 licence options : I do not feel the Government should be encouraging members of the public to obtain a licence to breed their pet. When we are so over populated with dogs here in Hong Kong. Therefore I disagree with the " one off license " permit for members of the public.

" Animal Breeder Licence Category A " I disagree with the proposed 1-4 female dogs kept for breeding purposes by so called private pet owners.

" Animal Breeder Licence Category B " allowing " Private Pet Owner with 5 or more entire female dogs breeding for sale " again these numbers are too high.

6) Puppies / dogs should NOT be allowed to be posted on the internet as it would be difficult to Police this activity.

Regards

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