



Re: We support more stringent laws to protect the animals

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Dear Sirs,

My name is Shirley Chua and my contact number is "\*\*\*\*\*"should you need to contact me or my dog lover friends for more views or recommendations on the proposed amendments below.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
Shirley Chua

On Wednesday, November 7, 2012, Ewee Snowy wrote:

Dear Sirs,

I like to comment on the proposed amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations (Cap. 139B) as follows:-

1. I find the current laws provide no protection against abuse of animals or deterrent for offenders should they be caught breaking the law. There should be no Hobby Breeder. Anyone breeding dogs for profit should be All considered as commercial breeder who needs proper license from the government and be supervised by AFCD.
2. Exact guidelines on the location of breeding kennels, size of cages, type of proper vet care, proper vaccination, correct breed type and age of puppies with birth certificates should be part of licensing requirements for all dog breeders and open for inspection by AFCD and intending purchasers. A list of registered dog breeders should be kept at the AFCD and no unregistered breeder can sell any dog or puppy to the public and anyone found contravening the law will be subject to prosecution.
3. without a declared license or permit number no animals should be advertised or sold over the

internet, nor should any animal be sold to a minor without parental consent.

4. They should not allow any commercial dog breeding in residential properties.

5. Breeding facilities must be properly regulated and routinely checked for abuse. Welfare standards should be set and enforced. There must be a minimum standard of care which ensures that no animal is suffering or is forced to lead a life of misery, which is currently the case. The pet trade as a whole needs a complete “makeover”, and those who cannot or will not take proper care of their animals should be fined and their licenses revoked, with a lifetime ban on keeping animals again.

6. details of puppies being sold should be recorded. There are many abandoned dogs with pet shop microchips that have never been rabies vaccinated (at 5 months, as is the law) and have no license or registered owner. Pet shops should be made to keep full and proper records of all puppies sold which should be made accessible to AFCD at any time.

7. Director of AFCD must be empowered to revoke the license of any trader who is in breach of the license terms or has been convicted of any offence under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap 169) and substantial fines such as \$100,000 should be imposed on law breaker given the huge profit they can make from the trade with pure bred puppies selling for well over \$10,000 each easily. There is simply too much money to be made for people to risk it and the general erroneous belief by many in this trade that these are just animals that are not worth the care and attention needed.

I fully support the increase of penalties for illegal trading of animals and the breaching of animal trading license conditions to the maximum level possible. The current figures of \$2000 and \$1000 make a mockery of the law, and are not deterrent whatsoever.

In conclusion, AFCD have my full personal support, and that of my many dog lover friends for their proposals to improve the lives of the dogs being used for breeding and selling.

I urge the Legco Members to take into account the fact that there are many thousands of dogs lovers in Hong Kong who care very deeply about these matters, and it's time to make the long overdue changes to the current laws and ease the suffering of many poor animals.