



Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Animal Trader Regulations

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I very much welcome and agree with the proposed amendments because it will help better regulating pet trading and enhance animal health and welfare. I find the current laws provide no protection against abuse of animals. Offenders should be caught when breaking the law. A breeder who keeps over 90 breeding dogs in worst environment illegally was only fined \$1200 is an obvious example of ineffective and useless legislation.

In fact, pets should not be used to make money and there should be no house breeding for profit permitted under any category. Any animal used to generate income is not a pet and the owners must be classified as a commercial breeder. Moreover, no one should be allowed to advertise or sell puppies in any way without a declared license or permit number. No animals should be advertised or sold over internet, nor should any animal be sold to a minor without parental consent.

Besides, the dog breeding trade needs to be properly regulated. Breeding facilities must be properly regulated and regularly checked for abuse. Welfare standards should also be set and enforced. At least 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 really needs a complete makeover!

Pet shops should also be made to keep full and proper records of all puppies sold and made these records accessible to AFCD at any time. Laws should be enforced, otherwise, it's only empty talk. I totally agree with the increase of penalties for illegal trading of animals, the higher the better!

Dogs lover in HK who care very deeply about these matters,
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