Petition Calling for Animals Not To Be Sold in Pet Shops

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. The Petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Most puppies and kittens sold in pet shops are bred in 'mills' where dogs and cats are kept in sub-standard conditions and continually bred until they die.

Cute puppies and kittens displayed in pet shops cause impulse purchases of pets. Thousands of these animals are dumped each year when people realise the time, cost and responsibility of caring for a pet. The RSPCA received approximately 133,000 abandoned pets in 2002/03.

The undersigned petitioners therefore request:

- ***A ban on the sale of pets from pet retail outlets;***
- ***A ban on advertising that uses the display of animals or their pictures to promote impulse buying;***
- ***That the sale of pets be restricted to qualified registered breeders and pounds; and***
- ***That detailed information on responsible ownership be provided when pets are sold, including an animal's expected lifespan, growth, dietary and exercise needs, and the cost of ownership.***

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