

# 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 who are then dumped when people realise the time, cost and responsibility of caring for a pet. The RSPCA received approximately 133 000 abandoned 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;***
- ***Detailed information on responsible ownership provided before sale, including an animal's expected lifespan, growth, dietary and exercise needs, and the cost of ownership.***

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