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P-03-313 Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2011

Petition Wording:

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to undertake further consultation with hobby breeders and not to implement the proposed Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2011 until this has been completed.

It is evident from the drafting of the proposed legislation there was a fundamental ignorance of the position of hobby breeders in Wales, many of whom have international reputations as breeders of sound healthy dogs that are fit for function. The composition of the committee who drew up this proposed legislation, was fundamentally flawed as it took no account of the numerous hobby breeders resident in Wales. All hobby breeders welcome any method to clamp down on unscrupulous puppy farmers. It is our contention that adding more legislation to that which is already there & not effectively enforced, is counter productive in the efforts to curtail the activities of unlicensed puppy farmers & their reprehensible practices.

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