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Please do not consider the banning outright of prong or e-collars. They serve a purpose as a teaching aid and through reputable dog training can be beneficial.

Also, please focus on puppy farming and no selling of pets in pet shops.

No one can claim to love dogs and then be only in favour of rescue.

The best thing is to support the idea of responsible breeding. If the only dogs which are deemed acceptable to own are the messes made by irresponsible breeding (puppy farming), ad hoc cross breeding and through the proxy of rescue, you demonize the practice of preservation breeding. What you are condoning is the misrepresentation that the only dogs that should have a place in this world are those bred irresponsibly.

Responsible rescue will always be necessary, at least for the foreseeable future, however with good responsible breeding the future may see less unwanted pets and strays. Responsible breeding should not be vilified and discouraged or there won't be any healthy dogs left to enjoy.

Not everyone can afford to own a pet and some individuals should not own pets. Just because a rescue dog may be cheaper does not mean that it is a better fit for a family. Responsible breeders ensure that the dog and potential owner are suitable for each other. Most rescue organisations are not equipped to safely scrutinise potential buyers and some cannot correctly identify types of breeds when they are mixed. Mixed breed dogs also inherit as many health problems as purebred but are harder to identify temperament, etc.

The focus of any law changes should be placed on the betterment of dogs: breeding of better dogs - dogs that can live long, happy lives.

What is proposed in the draft legislation is too complex (some even ridiculous) and unmanageable without infinite resources and funding.

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