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To whom it may concern:

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**Personal background:**

- Following University studies in Advanced Genetic & Animal Behaviour, I acquired my first Irish setter in 1974
- Until today I have continued to develop the breed according to its field and wilderness heritage. It pleases me greatly to see my stock working professionally with ecologists in fauna identification surveys in Western Australia.
- I am able to breed a litter of pups once or twice per year, sometimes I miss a year and other times I assist younger enthusiasts growing in the culture.
- Every puppy leaves my property with a guarantee it will suffer no inherited defect, disorder or disease during the course of its life.
- In my view any breeder can achieve this by simply making genetic soundness their #1 selective priority.
- I price my pups by dividing the cost of raising them by the number of pups in the litter. I include the cost of DNA tests and hip scores, vaccination, microchipping, ANKC registration, changes of ownership, stud fees and airfares where applicable. This means my pups are available after 8 weeks of age at a price between \$900 and \$1600.
- I have imported 7 Irish setters from Europe over the years and do not expect pet people to pay for this, or my property, or my vehicle.
- I keep and work at home 4 dogs and have several dogs visit during winter for work testing. I feed all dogs at my place with a combination of the best quality pet food (Supercoat) and human-consumption food (beef mince, cereals, vegetables, chicken necks, soup bones.)
- Fortunate enough to live on 25 acres in York, my dogs live and raise their young with plenty of space. I would rather give up my hobby than trap dogs in concrete pens bombed by chemicals.
- To live in a rural environment I have operated a grassroots fuel/food outlet in York 13 hours per day/7 days per week for 35 years. In all this time, in cars and on the backs of utes I have witnessed an alarming population of crossbred dogs with endless behavioural and health problems. The data on their miserable lives is never recorded - most of them are shot and buried. People continue to breed pups of all sorts and offer them for sale on shopping centre noticeboards. None of these are "accidental matings". They are purposely bred to try and make a bit of money. Their catalogue of inherited diseases, defects and disorders is far greater than anything I have seen in the purebred dog world.

**Stop puppy farming:**

- While the price of proven purpose-dogs is set by their value in terms of what has been invested in them to prepare them for their future specialist owner, I believe that **the price of dogs made available as domestic pets should be capped**. Crossbreeds at around \$800 and purebreeds (because of ANKC requirements which carry a cost) around \$1600.
- Only breeders registered either with the ANKC or other controlling body or the local Shire should be permitted to breed dogs and each breeder must sell direct to the public with the laws of **Fair Trading held in place**. Where the local Shire is the last resort for licensing, a permit should be sought for each and every litter. Where the frequency of applications attracts attention, Rangers should be able to investigate further.
- **Pet shops should not be allowed to sell dogs.**
- **Rescue organisations** need to network and demonstrate the pathway between themselves and puppy farmers is not shortening, strengthening and sharing cashflow.

Best regards,

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