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Attached response to survey.

Puppy farming/backyard breeding is an issue well overdue to be brought to the frontline – cats should also be included.

My opinion is that backyard breeders genuinely don't understand what is wrong with the practice. They often do it to make money and can easily play to people's uneducated understanding that someone who claims to be a "breeder" is in any way responsible. I can't count the number of times my friends have bought backyard bred animals and said "Oh he/she is from a proper breeder. She's a purebred... she just doesn't have papers." These elusive papers that no one understands! "He/she's parents were fine, I met them. We had the vet check the puppy, it's fine." Is also another huge misconception. A vet clarifying the dog is breathing, has a heartbeat and is otherwise alive is in no way a health check.

Labradoodles, cavoodles, pomskis, etc... designer dogs. People also don't realise these are BACKAYRD BRED! Give them a fancy name, tell them you're a breeder and suddenly you have a niche in the market. Education is required!

I happen to have purchased two dogs from a registered breeder who could verify registration, all health and temperament checks of both parents and their parents and have 0 intentions of irresponsibly breeding.. but I would absolutely open my heart to a rescue dog. My issue with this – is people who backyard breed also know they can easily surrender their litter of unwanted pups to a rescue organisation who out of the kindness of their own hearts and at their own stress and peril try their best to rehome them. The backyard breeder gets away scot free... off to breed another litter of puppies they don't want meanwhile the pounds overflow and the puppies get older losing their 'cute' appeal and becoming less adoptable. Rescue organisations inadvertently perpetuate the problem as there is still a demand for rescue dogs. Not that I would ever, ever wish euthanasia on any puppy.. but if everyone thought that all surrendered dogs were mass euthanized... it may deter some from breeding in the first place.

Ultimately, there is too many dogs and not enough people to own them. The problem is not going to go away without government action and much education.

I pray for the day we see backyard breeding made illegal and people prosecuted.

