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need state licensing for breeders, now more than ever. The high numbers of litters bred during the pandemic and since, have caused huge increases in unwanted pets and a resulting glut in the adoption world. Shelters and rescues are jammed to the gills and forced to turn animals away for lack of space. Shelter euthanasia numbers are increasing, and the hardship on shelter staff being forced to euthanize healthy animals for lack of space is unspeakable. It has to stop. Licensing and regulation of breeders will make them accountable. Shelters and rescues have been required to be licensed with Department of Agriculture since 2019, but not the breeders, who are a direct source of the issue. It's time to balance the scales.