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As a former volunteer at an Oregon animal shelter, I know they are already overburdened and under funded, yet care deeply about the pets they take in. License fees should not be excessive or over burdening for the rescue places. Licenses and inspections and more regulation, however, are needed for pet breeders. I know of too many people who have bought puppies from bad breeders. One neighbor recently discovered their one year old retriever, whom they thought came from a reputable Oregon breeder, has early onset juvenile arthritis, likely inherited, which is limiting its ability to play and walk, and will limit its life significantly. They found out that other puppies from this breeder had issues also, but now calls to the breeder have found the breeder's phone number is no longer in service. Too many breeders are getting away with making money with less conscience, while rescue organizations, who are struggling to help the great many pets that need homes, face license fees. and inspections.