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The purchase of a well bred purebred did not sentence another dog to death.

Purchasing a well bred purebred did not cause an increase in the number of dogs in shelter.

Wanting a dog with a predictable temperament from healthy lineage did not cause another dog to not get adopted.

Research and support of only the most responsible of breeders is not the problem. It is not what you should be mad at. It is not what you should be pushing the blame onto.

I am not the one who brought these dogs into the world irresponsibly and left them in a shelter. Responsible breeders are not the ones who put dogs into shelters either.

A breeder who health tests, temperament tests, studies pedigrees, proves a dog worthy of being bred, and only breeds when doing so is of benefit to the breed is not contributing to the number of homeless dogs.

The number of homeless dogs in the world is a problem, but it is not a problem exacerbated by reputable breeders and those who purchase from them.

The neighbor down the street who refuses to contain his unaltered dogs IS contributing to the problem.

The friend who impulse bought a dog at a pet store IS contributing to the problem.

That guy on Craigslist pumping out the trendiest designer mix as fast as he can IS contributing to the problem.

The relative who just HAS to let their dog have one litter "so she can experience motherhood" or because "she's just so sweet" IS contributing to the problem.

An old high school classmate who bought a high energy working breed without taking the time to research its needs and realize it was not a good fit for their household ahead of time IS contributing to the problem.

A reputable breeder offers their lifelong support. A reputable breeder would never allow their dogs to end up in a shelter to begin with. A reputable breeder makes it a contractual obligation to return dogs they have produced back to them should you find yourself unable of keeping it.

I am angry about the number of homeless dogs in the world, but if you take a deeper look, you will find your anger is misplaced.

If you take a deeper look, you will find reputable breeders and those of us who purchase from them are just as angry, we are just pointing fingers at the right people.

All this bill provides is another minor source of revenue for the state, along with unwarranted, unneeded and unwelcome government oversight. Blaming responsible breeders for shelter dogs is like blaming Harvard graduates for crack babies.