

Title:	Unscrupulous puppy farmers who are profiting in the pandemic
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Summary:	The pandemic lockdowns led to a booming puppy market. But questions are being asked about how they're bred and whether there should be a crackdown on unscrupulous operators.

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

a person or animal one spends a lot of time with	
go through, tolerate, bear	
increase very rapidly	
lasting for a long time, slow to end	
meeting or obeying rules or standards	
not conforming to the correct format or specifications	
put into action, to make active or effective	
take, take possession of	
terrified	
thoroughly, concentrated use of something	
unpleasant, disagreeable	
unprincipled, unethical, immoral, not honest or fair	

petrified (adj)
seize (v)
demand skyrocketed (v)
implement (v)
intensive farm (adj)
lingering taste (adj)
dreadful (adj)
endure (v)
unscrupulous (adj)
invalid number (adj)
companion (n)
compliant (adj)



SUMMARY

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RSPCA = The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Why did the pandemic lockdowns lead to a booming puppy market?
- Emma Hurst, an NSW Animal Justice Member of Parliament, says "it's perfectly legal for somebody in NSW to set up an intensive factory farm of dogs with say 600 female dogs and force them to pump out litter after litter for their entire lives." Do you think this is cruel?
- In 2020, Victoria introduced a cap on the number of breeding dogs on each puppy farm. Is this a good idea? What should the limit be?

LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

- How many dogs had the RSPCA rescued from one particular puppy farm two years ago?
- What is the cap on breeding dogs per facility in Victoria now?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After watching the report, try to answer the following questions

1. What does Robyn Maloney say her rescued poodle-cross dog, Mia, did after she brought it home?
2. To avoid the Victorian ban, the Murray River local council, on the New South Wales side of the state border with Victoria, has seen an increase in development applications for dog breeding facilities of how much?
3. One of those applicants was a man who relocated there from Victoria after he pleaded guilty to animal cruelty charges and was banned from running a domestic animal business for 10 years. Was he successful in his application for a breeding facility housing 320 dogs?
4. Michael Beavis paid \$800 for his puppy which ended up being diagnosed with serious medical problems. What was the response from the seller after he tried to contact her?
5. Why did the RSPCA close the investigation into the seller after a few days?
6. How much can puppies sourced from the illegal puppy trade cost?
Anywhere between \$1,000 and ...

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

petrified	seize	skyrocket	implement
intensive	lingering	dreadful	endure
unscrupulous	invalid	companion	compliant

1. At the beginning of the school year, the principal reminded students that she expected all of them to _____ with the school's dress rules.
2. Border police said they had _____ more than \$1 million worth of illegal cigarette imports.
3. Restaurants are labour _____ businesses and total staff wages are normally greater than the cost of the food ingredients.
4. The 2 close friends had been travelling _____ on more than 20 trips overseas.
5. The banking industry was accused of _____ business practices, such as continuing to charge account fees for people who had died.
6. The man didn't like swimming in the ocean because he was _____ of sharks.
7. The man had _____ a week of pain before he finally went to the doctor. An x-ray was arranged which showed he had broken his leg.
8. The price of houses in the city had _____ over the last 10 years, making it very hard for first home buyers to enter the market.
9. The restaurant chain estimated that the _____ of a new online booking system had saved the company more than a million dollars in the first year.
10. The student told her teacher she couldn't sign into her school internet account because it kept saying her username and password was _____.
11. The woman told her doctor some of the effects of COVID, such as a loss of taste, _____ more than 3 months after she'd become infected.
12. Tina's friend apologized for not being able to come to her dinner party that night. She said she had a cold and felt _____.

ANSWER KEY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 187 • 10 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. wouldn't come inside, hid in the garage (petrified) 2. 500 per cent 3. yes 4. none, she went silent and disappeared 5. couldn't be identified 6. (over) \$6,500
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