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NSW kills 150 dogs and cats each day

NSW Government has released new statistics revealing that 76,000 cats and dogs ended up in council pounds last year. Shockingly, only half of them made it out alive.

Of the 50,000 dogs that landed in NSW pounds, 15,500 were killed there.

If you are a cat in NSW, your prospects are even bleaker: 26,000 cats entered the pound and 67% were destroyed. The kill rate is more than double that of dogs.

“These latest statistics from the NSW Government are horrific,” says Monika Biernacki of the No-Kill charity Doggie Rescue, one of the tireless rescue groups who account for the lives that are saved.

“Yet we continue to breed more and more puppies each year. Why? Many of these puppies just end up losing their lives the very next year.”

Sadly these statistics only account for council run pounds. When you add the number of cats and dogs killed in the other large shelters, such as RSPCA, NSW Animal Welfare League and Cat Protection Society, the numbers grow astronomically.

The total number of dogs and cats that found themselves in either a pound or shelter last year was 123,000. More than 57,000 were killed.

“This translates to more than 150 dogs and cats killed each day,” says Monika. “I don’t know how the citizens of NSW can live with that.”

Animal welfare groups are calling for a radical overhaul of regulations governing the breeding and sale of animals for profit. “If we don’t stop the breeding, we don’t stop the killing” says Monika. “It is in the hands of each and every one of us. Adopt a homeless pet and share the joys of this rewarding experience.”

Background

DoggieRescue.com is a registered charity, in operation since 2001 with the primary objective to save dogs from death row from council pounds. It has a strict No Kill philosophy and relies heavily on volunteers for all operational aspects. DoggieRescue has saved more than 9,500 dogs from death row from council pounds around Sydney and has some 200 dogs looking for homes.

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