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I have had grave concerns for some time about animal shelters and their operating methods, particularly my local pound.. Mornington Peninsula animal shelter. This is a very high -kill facility. Council officers concerned make it almost impossible for people to identify let alone claim lost pets.

There is no transparency, no replies to FOI requests, no accurate true figures for animals reunited , or animals put down.

I unequivocally support all your points, of course pets should be immediately reunited with owners.

Vets MUST be allowed to facilitate this by immediately contacting owners when animal is microchipped.

Phase out breeding until shelters achieve no-kill status to enable rehoming.

Provide shelters with adequate funding to care for these animals.

Increase de sexing of companion animals. Many ratepayers in this area (mornpen) have been urging council to facilitate low- cost sexing through RSPCA and the Humane Society to no avail. The MornPen council particularly seems to have a hatred of cats and instead of assisting owners by promoting design and building of "catio" seem to discourage these measures.

I would like to see an end to the caged bird industry. In my area is a large company selling caged birds from many different countries (Peninsula Birdworld) presumably captive bred. Large intelligent parrots and macaws are crammed into tiny cages with no enrichment,inside a concrete room. This is an outrage.

All animals, sentient beings deserve better, in fact the very best we can do for them.

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