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Mr Rob DiMonte
Board President
RSPCA SA

Dear Rob,

I am writing to you in relation to my concern regarding a post I saw on Facebook yesterday by Saving Pets (<http://savingpets.com.au/blog/the-rspca-sa-want-to-kill-these-border-collies?fbclid=IwAR15hw2xiUva5rZPTyIJCYkF-sKqGO1ACHohXvjT0fcaae-oETe-hlqlnc4>)

that covered the intent to euthanise ten Border Collies seized from a puppy farm at Parrakie in October 2018.

The post links to the report produced by [REDACTED] for the RSPCA in relation to ten Border Collies seized from Parrakie in October 2018 and a video showing an interaction with puppies on the site who were left where they were. I think the fact that Saving Pets has access to this information suggests that RSPCA has an employee who is leaking internal and confidential data and that is a concern in itself for your Organisation.

Notwithstanding, the information is in the public arena and I viewed it and I am gravely concerned and troubled by the alacrity with which these dogs lives are condemned (both adults and puppies).

The embedded video shows a very brief interaction of about 2 minutes with 16 week old (approximately) puppies on the site and following a very brief observation – a pronouncement is made that none of these puppies could be rehomed as they did not demonstrate any interest in coming to strangers. It was decided very quickly that:

- They would never cope on their own
- They would not cope in a pet home
- They would suffer more by being taken away than they currently were

On this basis, they were left where they were to continue to suffer a cruel fate and perpetuate the cycle. If the RSPCA's intention is to improve the welfare and wellbeing of dogs by seizing them (as was the case with the adults) why then are these puppies not worthy of the same consideration?

The Assessment Report that was conducted in February 2019 by [REDACTED] reported that some of the 10 dogs housed at Lonsdale Shelter for 4 months had shown signs of improvement and some had shown no sign of improvement and recommended that all 10 Border Collies be euthanised as soon as possible.