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Editor  
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Dear Sir,

I refer to the article “5-digit sum spent to save 80 dogs” (S.T. 21 April). It related how a group of animal lovers had come to the rescue of these animals from a breeding farm after the owner could no longer manage the “business investment” after only three months.

Periodic checks by the authorities, have obviously not uncovered symptoms of neglect, which means as long as such breeders are given licences, closer scrutiny is needed, including a checklist of preventive measures (to be complied with as part of licencing conditions) to safeguard and ensure the dogs’ welfare. Regular checks by a veterinarian, so that early signs of illness can be detected and treated, should also be factored into the licencing conditions, and certified.

In view of what has transpired in this latest case which no doubt has involved considerable and unnecessary animal suffering, a more stringent code of practice and regulation needs to be urgently implemented.

Yours sincerely,

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