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ROLY POLY DOGS TO DIE UNLESS BACKYARD BREEDING STOPPED

Dodgy backyard breeders cashing in on Australia's love affair with the 'roly-poly' toilet paper dog have inundated pounds with Shar Pei and placed a rescue organisation under immense stress.

Shar Pei Rescue Inc, based in Tyabb, Victoria, has now been forced to turn away Shar Pei to the heartbreak of the rescue organisation's founder, Amanda Booth.

"Dodgy backyard breeders are selling pups to the wrong people just to make quick buck," Ms Booth said.

"The reality is these dogs are then surrendered or escape from boredom because people are unprepared for the ongoing cost, special diets, frequent exercise, and need for obedience training and in-home discipline the breed requires. They are never told this by dodgy backyard breeders.

"Sadly, many of these dogs will now die in pounds as I can not rescue them all. I am simply out of space. It breaks my heart.

"Surely, someone must amend the laws to stamp out backyard breeders. Otherwise dogs will have to be put-down."

Ms Booth said Shar Pei Rescue was now in need of support, both financially and in-kind, as it had been overwhelmed with dogs.

"I have run this organisation to save the lives of many dogs, and I will continue to do so at my own expense.

"But despite the generosity of many people, we are still in need of support, and my own pockets only extend so far.

"We would love to see more applications from families prepared to invest time to look after one of these special dogs.

"We would also appreciate any support anyone can provide to help us cope with the increasing costs of rescuing the more and more dogs entering pounds.

"But most of all, the growing number of Shar Pei in pounds is a shocking reality, and one that clearly indicates the need for tougher laws to clamp down on dodgy backyard breeding. We want to see action taken to stop this and help to cut down on the number of dogs needing rescue."

Anyone interested in supporting Shar Pei Rescue should contact Amanda Booth on or visit www.sharpeirescue.org.au