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The written submission is as follows:

What's at stake today is animal rights. A number of people in Hong Kong are using residential apartments as private breeding stations for animal propagation. Pets bred in these cramped apartments are then resold to pet shops for profits. These illegal breeding stations are nowhere near meeting the safety standards for propagation: in approximately 100 square feet of space, hundreds of dogs are locked into stacked cages. Dogs bred in such an environment could easily get infected, resulting in multiple health issues, before being sold to consumers like ourselves through pet shops. This is clearly an abuse of animals rights, and the government's proposal to amend the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulation (Cap. 139b) is intended to legalize this abuse! This amendment would issue licenses to people who manage these residential apartments used for breeding, which is in effect legalizing animal cruelty for profits. And this will encourage the proliferation of these sick practices in ordinary families, causing unnecessary harm and suffering to countless innocent lives. We invite you to look into this matter. We oppose this proposal to amend Cap. 139b, and will continue to fight against such cruelty. In addition: if you are considering having a pet, I strongly suggest adoption instead of buying one from a pet shop, for if you let this kind of businesses flourish, then you are an indirect supporter of animal cruelty. We dearly hope that you could support us in our opposition to the proposed amendment of Cap. 139b, and adopt a pet rather than buying one.