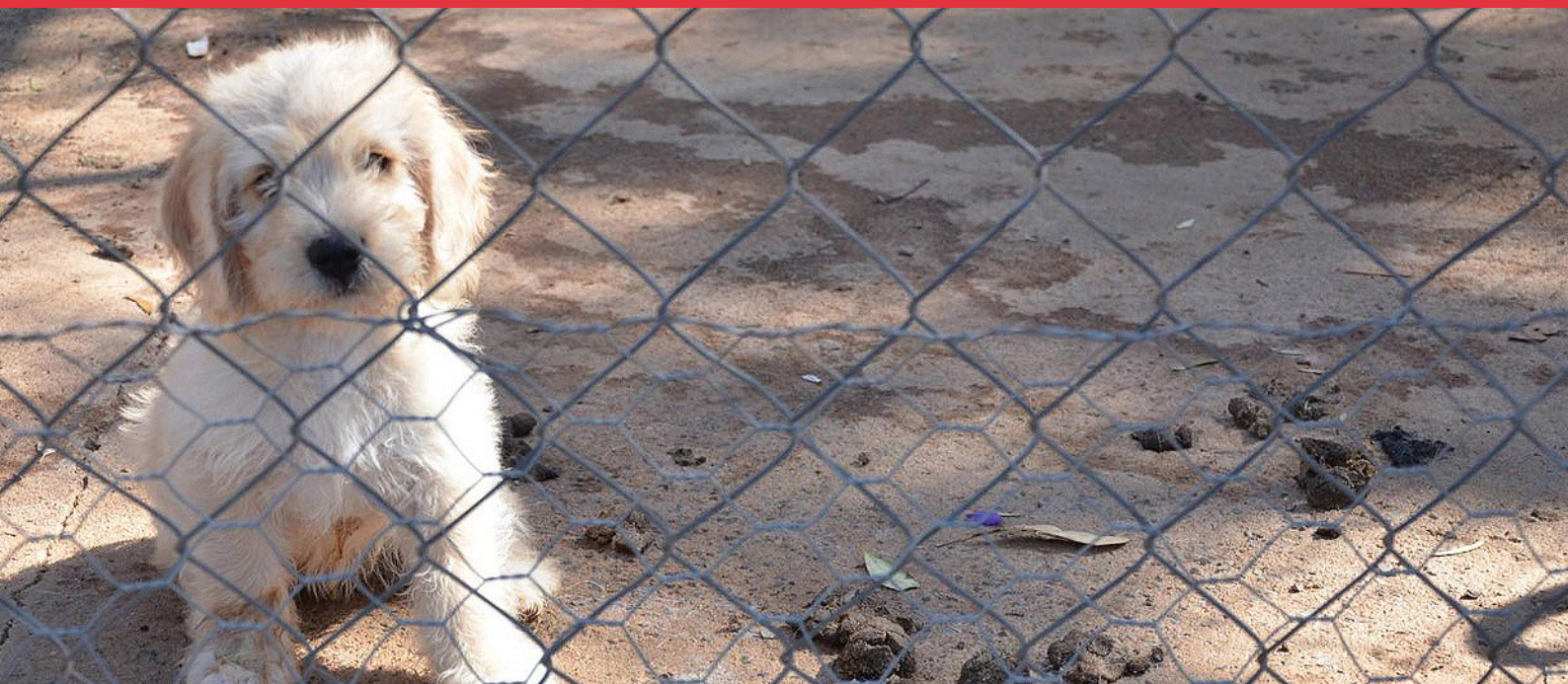


# LABOR'S PLAN TO BAN PUPPY FACTORIES

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## South Australians love their companion animals and around 40% of us have our own dog.

Demand is far outstripping supply and as a result prices for a puppy can be many thousands of dollars. As a result, there are unscrupulous operators who have seen a commercial opportunity. These people are driven by greed and profit and not the welfare of the animal or its future health as a family pet.

Pet owners and reputable registered breeders are horrified by the proliferation of puppy factories that have sprung up to meet the demand for dogs. Some operate underground, some in full view.

Dogs in puppy factories are often kept in overcrowded and filthy environments.

Breeding animals may be confined permanently in small cages, never being allowed out for exercise, to play or express normal behaviours. These dogs can suffer from a range of health and behavioural problems as a result of not being socialised and being housed in conditions that fail to meet their needs.

A Malinauskas Labor government will stamp out this practice by introducing the strongest laws in the nation to prevent large scale and inhumane breeding facilities for dogs and cats.


### **An elected Malinauskas SA Labor Government will:**

- ✓ Ensure standards governing commercial breeding of companion animals in South Australia are at least as strict as any jurisdiction in the nation so there is no incentive for unscrupulous operators to move here to establish their cruel operations.
- ✓ Introduce a cap on dog numbers in commercial breeding facilities and a limit on how many litters a dog can have.
- ✓ Introduce a limit on the number of breeding females in commercial kennels to be no more than the most strict state in Australia (currently Victoria with 50).

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South Australian families love their pet dogs and cats and we rely on them for companionship and safety. We rightly expect governments to ensure that puppies and kittens bred for sale are not born to a mother who has been inadequately housed or cared for or bred too many times.”

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