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Hello there, I am posed to the following bill. I am a hobby breeder at this time. Which means I have a litter once a year. In order to be able to financially support my dogsports as well as training with them and health insurance that they may need. I do all testing through AKC that is required and some even that are not. I do, three d heart exams, x rays on elbows and knees and patella, eye tests and DNA tests. I also choose to prove my dogs in sports and accomplishments through the akc.

A little backstory on me is I had dachshunds growing up

Unfortunately, genetic testing and other testing was not done at that time, and I had one pass on me when I was eight and the puppy only lives six months. Thanks to organizations like AKC, which is a non-profit organization? We now set a high bar for people wanting to breed. I was very traumatized when I was younger, losing my dog so young.

A lot of us hobby us. And even professional breeders have extensive contracts that are laid out and professionally written by lawyers. A lot of these contracts can tell the fact that if a dog has to be sold due to any illness or any reason, the dogs must be returned to us. We carry this burden because we care about our breeds, and we want to take care of them when something falls through. Any reputable breeder will have this in their contract. We also do not allow breeding, unless otherwise approved, and require a proof of castration. This is the commitment we make to our dogs, and the people who owned them and called them family. Adoption, kennels try to claim that we are the issue. The numbers for dogs who return to kennels that are high stress or kill is quite often. Is a very traumatizing place for a dog to find itself. Which is why breeders like myself and others take it so seriously that our dogs come back to us. And we flip the bill on whatever needs to be done with them to make them good rehoming candidates. Not all of us have the money for giant buildings out in the country. Nor do we wish to carry that many dogs, or even believe it is ethical at that mass scale. My personal belief is large kennels like that. Should not exist. I am a hobbyist, breeder. My dogs live at home with me and continue their lives past breeding age, with me and retire with me. They have run of our home, of our yard, and of our lives because they are loved and they live full lives because of it.
Thank you for your time