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## Death claims spark RSPCA dog farm raid

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THE RSPCA last night raided a puppy farm exposed in a damning council report amid public outrage over the suffering.

Geelong Advertiser readers yesterday demanded authorities put a stop to the "sickening" conditions at the Beremboke farm, north of Anakie.

Animal welfare inspectors swooped on Leslie and Melinda Paxton's farm to ensure the welfare of animals.

The investigation follows a damning Moorabool Shire report, which

### PUPPY HELL



Yesterday's Geelong Advertiser report drew a huge response.

alleged the Paxtons kept 59 dogs in shocking conditions on the property.

The report revealed many dogs were kept in cramped cages covered in faeces and that dog carcasses had been left to

rot on the ground.

Concerns about lack of shelter and access to clean water were also raised in the report.

In other developments yesterday, concerned neighbours described the Paxtons' farm as an eyesore.

And a Geelong resident said he warned animal welfare authorities two years ago that dogs were chained to wrecked cars on the property.

Yesterday Mrs Paxton stormed to the locked gate of her Marshalls Lane property where she demanded the Geelong Advertiser leave.

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NOT WELCOME: Melinda Paxton refused to comment after a damning Moorabool Shire report and photos taken by Animal Liberation Victoria, right, exposed conditions on the puppy farm. Photo: TONY KERRIGAN

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