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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Trailer construction to ensure best options for a multitude of dog temperaments and behaviour and operator safety through best psychological support to the animal.

We have been involved in the consultation process for the Aussie Pooch Mobile Hydrobath Trailers that are of a standard build type. We have given our opinion on matters of operator safety due to dog temperament and behaviour that could be affected by the construction of the trailers.

We have the opinion that there are many dogs that have been split from the litter at incorrect times and other dogs that may not have received the correct amount of social exposure to ensure they have robust and accepting temperaments or behaviour due to these and other factors so trailer construction needed to be of a type that would offer several different options that could easily be changed and managed to ensure best psychological outcomes for the said dogs to ensure greatest safety and ease of dealing with the majority of dogs.

Our recommendations for the trailers is that they have a large back door that can be opened up completely exposing the full inside dimensions to an open view giving the dog a feeling of a more open space. Other features to enhance the same are either roll up side curtains or clear perspex to ensure plenty of light so the dog does not feel as closed in and causing them to be defensive. The trailers also have easily removable front hoods to both ventilate and allow greater amount of light and the feel of more open space. The hydrobath doors can be left off for dogs that stress once confined alleviating the feel of defence or fear based reactions. The back panel above the door was also designed to be easily removable to allow the greatest feeling of open space area within the trailer confines for those dogs that show any undue reactions.

All of these points are to add natural daylight and free flowing air to ensure that the dog has the least impact should it suffer from stress or defence as many dogs can when put into enclosed spaces.