



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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| Name | [REDACTED] |
| Email address | [REDACTED] |
| Prefix or Member # | [REDACTED] |
| Breed(s) | German Shepherd Dog |
| Phone Number | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | 10 |
| Family involved? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</p> | <p>I don't believe that all pet shops have the time/skills to look after the dogs as well as a dedicated adoption centre would, I have previously volunteered at Shenton Park Dog Home and believe that dedicated facilities like this will better have the dogs interest at heart, they will temperament test the animal and spend a significant amount of time with the new owner and test all other animals. Will pet stores be able to/want to take back unsuccessful adoptions? If people want to buy a dog I don't think that a pet shop is the first place that they look to. How will all the dogs that aren't 100% healthy/behave perfectly be adopted? The dogs that are in shelters arrive for many reasons, some known and others unknown eg stray, not all are from 'puppy farms' I don't see how this is going to stop puppy farming? Stop the huge prices that designer dogs are able to be sold for, often more than buying a pure bred dog from a breeder, these often come from interstate. The designer dogs that some people want won't be available, how will they source their dogs. This only impacts on 15 shops and is far smaller than the number of say taxis that are involved so you could consider phasing this out, and educating people to look to either a dogs home/breeder to source their pets.</p> |
| <p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p> | <p>I feel this is draconian and not necessarily in all dog's interest, there is much vet evidence that early de-sexing is causing joint/cancer and other problems in people's pets (we don't do this to humans, imagine castrating a male boy at 5 simply because we believe he should never breed). Dogs should be a minimum of 18 months plus and it should be up to the owner. Dogswest have rules for breeding of dogs and as a governing body should be able to continue to administer their guidelines and also guide their members on breeding matters, a dogs true temperament takes time to develop and there should be no mandatory de-sexing of pets in Perth, it should be a choice for the owner as it is now. If you are trying to stop puppy mills, then you need to target the designer 'mongrels' that are sold for huge prices – they have simply had good marketing but are for all intents what some people call 'mongrels', what health assessments have the parent dogs had, which is different to a dog being able to be registered by Dogs West. Dogs can go into season as young as 6 months but I believe that that is too early for a dog to be sterilised. What about dogs that are imported from interstate or overseas (I brought one of my dogs from the UK, rules are different and this should not be mandatory).</p> |



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| <p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p> | <p>Dogs West already have a register of breeders, would your system only cover other breeders? There should be one central repository for microchip numbers. Why are you proposing to deal with dog breeder registrations? DogsWest already administer and hold this for purebred dogs, are Council going to register breeders so that people can sell labradoodles and other ‘designer dogs/mongrels’. I do not believe that DogsWest dog breeders should pay a fee to cover the costs with enforcement, is this to apply to non DogsWest breeders? What are higher dog registration fees for? I already pay to be a member of DogsWest – you should exempt DogsWest people from this system. How is local government placed to even consider enforcing this? What should be centralised is simply holding microchip numbers so that if a dog goes missing/gets stolen it has a chance to be reunited with its owner.</p> |
| <p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p> | <p>I do not think that this legislation/standards should limit the number of breeding dogs someone has, dogswest puppies can only be sold at 8 weeks and go with information food and a lifetime of help if required – pet shop and dogs home dogs often don’t. DogsWest should continue to be able to establish and maintain their guidelines, or are you going to put in place a similar system for non purebred dogs? I don’t completely understand what you are trying to achieve. How are you proposing on dealing with imported dogs from other states? Dogs are pets and not a possession like a car which seems to be how you are trying to deal with them. You should let pure bred dogs continue to be governed by Dogs West, how many other breeders are there apart from the obvious puppy farm animals. Why are you going to this effort for a few dogs, if you limit the price that ‘mongrels’ can be sold for you will go a long way to stopping puppy farming, most breeders love and adore their animals and follow the standards, time between litters, health checks needed before mating.</p> |