



## Dogs West Member Submission on **STOP PUPPY FARMING**



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Email address	████████████████████
Prefix or Member #	██████████
Breed(s)	Australian Shepherd
Phone Number	██████████
Years involved	10
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>Not Supported</p> <p>No dog should be sold from a shop. The simple solution is to stop all sales of all and any dogs from pet shops NOW.</p> <p>Rescue dogs do not belong in pet shops, there are better ways of finding these dogs new homes. Placing them in a high stress environment is not good for the dog. If its not acceptable to sell puppies why is it acceptable to sell older dogs from pet shops. The number of unwanted pets ending up often links back to their original owners making a spontaneous purchase either online or in a pet store, placing a rescue dog in a store opens them up to a repeat purchase.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>Not Supported for ANKC or working dogs registry.</p> <p>My research into scientifically backed information suggests early de-sexing is detrimental to canine behaviour and also physical wellbeing. I do not want to de-sex my dog.</p> <p>I do not believe in a set age for the de-sexing of dogs. There are many studies about de-sexing of dogs, with more studies coming out all the time. Many are against sterilisation. If a dog needs to be de-sexed it should be at a time and age suitable for the type of dog and the circumstances, with advice from a Vet and a breeder. I do believe that non registered dogs should be subject to mandatory desexing post 12 months of age once majority of growth place have closed.</p> <p>All Dogs West members should be exempt. Dogs West actively manages and polices its members with regards to breeding.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	<p>I'm concerned that little to no information has been provided as to how this registry will work, what information will be stored, who will have access, how will this be monitored?</p> <p>I also have concerns that the number of people or organisations with access will continue to grow and the information may be trolled without just cause. The basic principles of privacy and a valid need to know must be applied at any party being considered for access.</p> <p>I'm a financial member of Dogs West , why should I have to register as a breeder with my local council. What happens when if the council declined to register me?</p> <p>I already pay a premium on my dog registration to have an entire dog, why should I have to pay another fee to registered as a breeder just to keep my dog intact. This is double dipping.</p> <p>Dogs West has been recognised as the 'gold standard' with regards to dog breeding and management but we are being financially penalised.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p><b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b></p>	<p>There has been no information provided on this.</p> <p>Why were Dogs West rejected from being involved? It would seem that these standards being written purely from a theoretical perspective. Standards will only work if they are 'balanced' with a level of practicality. For example Victoria has – <i>'up to 9 months of age you must feed twice a day'</i> that's not applicable for all breeds and more importantly – how is this going to be policed? Why make laws that can't be enforced – a waste of money. Put the effort and money into educating the public about buying from responsible breeders .</p>
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