To whom it concerns:

I feel that the proposed legislation will be impossible to enforce and will only add financial burden to those dog owners who already do what is correct.

I am the owner of and I can assure you that less than half of the dogs boarded here would be wearing a council registration tag.

The general public seem to have some sort of image that rescuing a dog is noble and gallant, whether that rescue is from a shelter or pet shop.

I propose that you STOP ALL ANIMAL SALES FROM PET STORES. then asses whether any further legislation is necessary.

A central dog registration would only generate income from those who are already licensed with their local council. Good luck trying to get those who have never registered their dogs before to comply, there is no way to enforce the current laws so you already have a major fail here.

Mandatory Sterilisation here again with a State this size you will not be able to implement this sweeping law which for pure breed specialist will be devastating. Offering free Sterilisations for male dogs of 12 months of age would be more acceptable with the general public, along with free micro-chipping and registration. This way you could get some of the control you desire, but not a revenue. It all depends is the government wanting a source of revenue or are you championing the cause of the family dog?

Just stop live animal sales in pet shops, have a media campaign to educate the public, get them to ask to see the mother of any puppy they are buying, get them to judge is everything as it should be? and to report any thing that is not right with any point of sale for a puppy or adult dog. The RSPCA should respond and have the power to police any reported situation and implement fines.

Kind Regards

Sent from Windows Mail