



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



Name	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Boxer
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	3
Family involved?	No
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b></p>	<p>Any dog within rescues should be assessed whether they are fit to be a pet in a family environment. I do not think any pet shop should have any dogs in their care or for sale.</p> <p>Rescue centres should be accountable for the dogs they place, they should provide comprehensive care instructions for the dogs including ongoing support and training for the dogs.</p> <p>All dogs should be temperament testing by an accredited assessor.</p> <p>All rescue centres should be subjected to random mandatory audits and inspections.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b></p>	<p>Mandatory desexing for puppies under the age of 6 month, in my scientific opinion is barbaric! It has been well known for a few decades that desexing young dogs is detrimental to the health of the dogs. I find this clause outrageous and a form of animal cruelty. Who will pay the veterinary bills for the diseases and medical conditions of these dogs that will suffer from joint issues, etc?</p> <p>I have requested the document mentioned at workshops written by an Associate Professor on desexing young dogs, I am yet to see this document. As a senior biologist and dog owner/lover I should have the right to critique this document.</p> <p>I will no longer be able to import future pups from my ANKC breeder over in the east as the breeder will not allow her pups to be desexed before 18 months of age. And I don't blame them. I am not a breeder and I have never bred a dog, my dogs are entire for health reasons. Their health is paramount! It is not only my current and future dogs I am concerned about, it is the health and wellbeing of all WA pups.</p> <p>I voted to try to stop puppy farming as I am a dog lover. I did not vote to have my dogs health compromised or anyone else's dog!</p> <p>As I said, I am not a dog breeder, I am a responsible dog owner and a Dogs West member and adhere to Dogs West code of conduct and ethics. I just want the right to keep my dogs as long as possible and as healthy as possible. I came to WA as a federal government employee to build a capability for the Government. I have requested removal of myself and my family, and the capability if mandatory desexing does occur. In my opinion, both personally and scientifically, this is a form of animal cruelty.</p> <p>Government legislation should be based on the welfare of the dogs, "do no harm", mandatory desexing will do harm.</p> <p>If I had to select a timeframe for desexing of dogs owned by the normal pet owner, I recommend not before their bone growth plates have closed, in boxers not before 18 months of age. However I do not agree with mandatory desexing. All Dogs West members, whether a breeder or not, should be exempt from mandatory desexing as our competition dogs need to be of the highest level of</p>



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	health possible.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system to identify every dog and puppy.</b>	This is hard to give an opinion on as the scope and use of the proposed central system is currently unknown.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	Mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale should occur. Dogs West has a framework for this already.