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Breed/s	Dalmatian
Years involved	25+
Family involved?	NO
Pet Shop Puppies/Back Yard Breeders	Puppies of ANY breed should not be sold via pet shops. There is no after sales care, the shop owner/personnel are not involved in the puppies they are just a commercial sale commodity. Once out the door – buyer beware. The staff have no knowledge of breeding or any health issues, puppies are indiscriminately sold at any age. So many puppies are impulse buys – ALL puppies are cute, however they grow into dogs and are a lifetime responsibility which many people are not prepared to take onboard and these ‘cute puppies’ end up in rescue shelters or council pounds, many not sterilized and so it goes on.... The health issues surrounding designer dogs is a whole other subject, but many of these cross bred pups/dogs visit the vet with ‘man-made’ genetic problems and veterinary costs can be exorbitant beyond belief.
Mandatory de-sexing	<p>Breeders registered with the controlling body – ANKC (Australian National Kennel Council)/ Dogs West should be EXEMPT from mandatory de-sexing.</p> <p>Most reputable ANKC registered breeders enter into some sort of written contract with their puppy buyers regarding de-sexing and offer recommendations at what age this should be performed. Some Breeders de-sex their puppies prior to sale – this is a personal choice. Most reputable ANKC registered breeders de-sex their males and females if they are no longer required in the breeding programme. Breeders are governed by the rules and regulations of number of litters permitted. The brood bitch is very well looked after.</p> <p>I firmly believe that Pet Insurance Companies should by law be made to include the cost of de-sexing in their insurance contracts – countless male and female dogs are not de-sexed due to the cost factor. It is not a \$5.00 procedure !!!!</p>
Central registry	If a central registry is considered NECESSARY it should include the ANKC registry already in place and any data shared with permission of ANKC at no cost to the breeder. As a breeder of purebred dogs and registered with the ANKC/Dogs West I already pay numerous registrations –last count should I have a litter is <u>7 times a year !!!</u>
Minimum standards of care>	<p>I would suggest that 95% of legitimate (ANKC) registered breeders have exceptionally high standards and methods of caring for their breeding bitches and litters. 95% are extremely conservative about who they sell their puppies to. Prospective purchasers are required to reply to a myriad of questions concerning family members, property type, level of care and welfare of the dog. Once accepted to purchase a puppy they are usually given a puppy folder which explains the breed and care of the puppy throughout it’s life. I personally give a 12 month written guarantee against any hereditary or genetic fatality within 12months of age. Lifetime advice and help is also provided.</p> <p>To set a standard of minimum care for non pure-bred breeders should revolve around the number of brood bitches owned –and it should be mandatory for these breeders to be registered with the local council and a set of rules and regulations (similar to those ANKC registered purebred breeders are governed by) be issued and enforced. Every puppy from every litter to be registered and a minimum number of brood bitches and males owned by non ANKC breeders. All puppies should be vaccinated, microchipped and health tested prior to sale not before 8 weeks of age and written veterinary proof of these procedures to be provided with the puppy to the purchaser. The public should be educated to expect this (minimal) documentation from any breeder when purchasing a puppy of any breed or type.</p>

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OTHER:- EDUCATION & ADVERTISING	<p>The general public are mind-bogglingly ignorant of the facts surrounding pet shop puppies, back yard breeders, puppy farming AND legitimately registered breeders of pure bred dogs. Many have never heard of ANKC, let alone what it stands for, or the WA controlling body – Dogs West. There is absolutely no point in further regulating the legitimately registered breeders of pure-bred dogs (ANKC) who are already bound by a code of ethics and numerous regulations. The reason for this task force is to curtail the indiscriminate BYB &amp; Puppy Farmers – the ONLY way to do this is to EDUCATE THE PUBLIC about what they are buying. The ways they can be scammed and the lies they can be told in order to part them from their dollar. Including, of course, the appalling conditions and health and cruelty that some of these poor dogs and puppies are subjected to for the sake of a commercial business.</p> <p>A media advertising campaign is beyond due and until this is put into place NOTHING WILL CHANGE. Making life harder and more difficult for the conscientious, legitimate breeder, who is breeding for the preservation and betterment of their breed is absolutely not they way to go about it.</p> <p>There will always be a place for non pure-bred dogs, HOWEVER breeders/suppliers of these mixed breeds need to be given regulations and boundaries to ensure their puppies and dogs are given the best care and the health &amp; welfare of these innocent creatures is paramount.</p>