



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



Name	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	20 years
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b></p>	<p>Pet shops should not be allowed to sell any pets; thus removing the problems associated with impulse buying.</p> <p>Many rescues are not mentally sound which is why they are rescues; if they are moved to Pet Shops the staff need to be trained to ensure that the dog and the potential new owner are suitable to each other.</p> <p>Shelters should have the same duty of care as registered breeders. If they do not know the parentage, they should say so; not make up a fancy name because the dog might look a little similar to a particular breed.</p> <p>There should be no transition period as pet shops should sell only products that support the comfort and ongoing benefit to dogs and cats.</p> <p>The pet shop owner should also be willing to provide free follow-up care/advice as needed. This is required by Dogs West members.</p> <p>Trade in second hand dogs should not be encouraged through retail.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b></p>	<p>Mandatory de-sexing would remove my ability to participate in my chosen sport; that is, showing my dogs in the Conformation ring.</p> <p>There would be similar restrictions on others who show their dogs. These dogs need to be entire but the owners may not be breeders.</p> <p>Some breeders who live in suburbia have dogs placed in pet homes on the condition that the dog will be returned to have a litter or used for mating.</p> <p>I am opposed to mandatory de-sexing as it takes away right to choose. It will not stop puppy farming as these dogs are not registered anywhere anyway.</p> <p>Mandatory de-sexing puts the pure bred gene pool at risk and is not supported by the AVA.</p> <p>Most breeds are adversely affected by early sterilisation and many breeds should not be sterilised before the age of 18 months.</p> <p>Early de-sexing has been demonstrated to be associated with increased risk of incontinence in females, increased incidence of bone cancer and increased incidence of joint disorders. There are alternatives to de-sexing such as Tubal Ligation in the female and Vasectomy in the male.</p> <p>Dogs West members should not be required to participate in mandatory de-sexing. Ultimately there would be no entire dogs left with responsible breeders. There would only be the unsound dogs produced by puppy farmers who will continue to produce puppies in conditions not conducive to good health.</p> <p>The legislation is supposedly based on the health of dogs but mandatory de-sexing is counter productive to this aim and will produce other health problems.</p> <p>De-sexing should be performed only at the time and age appropriate for the dog and for the circumstances.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p><b>Introduce a centralised registration system to identify every dog and puppy.</b></p>	<p>There is not enough information on the detail required for this initiative.</p> <p>Dogs West breeders should be automatically accepted to any Dog Breeders' register.</p> <p>Dogs West member's numbers should be their Central Register number.</p> <p>Who will have access to the information contained in the register.</p> <p>Dogs West members should not need to be registered on another database. They are already registered on the ANKC database and subject to very strict regulations managed by Dogs West.</p> <p>Any registration system should also accommodate any breed specific requirements relevant to DNA testing, x-ray for hip and elbow dysplasia and available to any person who may be the potential new owner of the puppy.</p> <p>If pet shops are allowed to sell dogs, the owner should be required to provide the name and address of the purchaser to the government register, as well as microchip details.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p><b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b></p>	<p>Dogs West members should be exempt from proposed changes as it is publicly recognised that Dogs West has set the bar very high in relation to the management of canine affairs.</p> <p>Dogs West members are strongly regulated by the controlling body and breaches of regulations carry significant financial penalties as well as possible suspension of membership.</p> <p>The Dogs West Code of Ethics has proven outcomes which are transparent.</p> <p>These standards should target puppy farmers and millers if they can be identified.</p> <p>Commercial breeding facilities need to be regulated to ensure the conditions are clean and hygienic. Dogs West members are already subject to these requirements and should be exempt from further regulation.</p> <p>I am not opposed to the commercial breeding of dogs providing the females are cared for in an ethical manner similar to those restrictions placed on Dogs West breeders.</p> <p>Impulse buying should be strongly discouraged and the commercial facilities need to employ trained staff to ensure that prospective buyers are able to provide appropriate housing for their new dog/puppy.</p>