

Dogs West Member Submission on STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	
Email address	
Prefix or Member #	
Breed(s)	Japanese Chin
Phone Number	
	Since 1982
Family involved?	☐ Yes
My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	No animals such as dogs or cats should be in Pet Shops ever. Even animals like reptiles should be specialist. You have a rescue organisation such as Shenton Park and RSPCA – it should be left to those organisations. Purebred dogs require a lot of specialist knowledge of that breed. There are individuals who know their breed well and can place older dogs / rescue dogs into the most appropriate homes.
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I think as a blanket measure I am not in favour of this. Dogs are individual and there is not a 'one size fits all' situation. It is not appropriate to desex a breed such as Great Danes because of growth issues. Desexing dogs can crate health issues such as pyometra in bitches and overgrowth in dogs and ligament damage. This mandatory desexing takes away my rights. Even if a person chooses not to breed their dog / bitch and want and entire canine – this should be their right! In 2016 only 53 Japanese Chin dogs were registered – I need genetic diversity in my breeding program and if this was to stop would Japanese Chin become extinct?
My thoughts on: Introduce a centralised registration system to identify every dog and puppy.	A centralise registration system should be an amalgamation of existing systems. All people who are currently registered are doing the right thing. People who evade the laws with this will not be picked up unless they get 'dobbed in'. Also who will pick up this cost — I believe state Government are responsible for all cost with this system. I am an ANKC member (Dogs West) which is governed and I can not show/breed/compete/perform unless I am registered and pay my fees.
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	How can I comment on something which I don't have any concept of yet. I have not seen these proposed standards. The Animal Welfare Act should cover this however improvements of this may or may not STOP PUPPY FARMING because unless you inspect or have 'dob in a puppy farmer' you would never know.



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