

Stop Puppy Farming

Pet Shops : Am totally against dogs & cats being sold in Pet shops. Selling of puppies inadvertently or deliberately encourages puppy farming. Any dog or cat coming into WA should be at least 10 – 12 weeks, microchipped with relevant paperwork stating “fit for Function” with name of where sourced from, whether privately or to shelter. To help pet shops survive without having to sell puppies, each shop to keep a list of dogs, puppies, cats available & direct those looking for a pet, whether pedigree or cross bred & shop then gets commission on the sale. Voucher then supplied for buyer to return to shop to purchase all relevant needs for said dog etc.

Mandatory De-sexing:- Will not stop those working outside the law. Those who try to work within the law will be forced to put their beloved pet thorough major surgery unnecessarily, which may well impact on their health. It is well known that consequences of this type of surgery increases the risk of joint, soft tissue damage, some cancers & possibly shortened life span. By bringing this type of legislation into power many rarer breeds with small gene pool will die out & some of the giant breeds too, who have short life spans. Many breeds have issues with drugs (Whippets, Collie breeds (Shelties) Light framed dogs etc) could well die under anaesthetic. If this was made mandatory Purebreeds as we know them today, could well be no longer around in 5-10 years. All Dog West members should be exempt from mandatory desexing

Central Register:- Why is this necessary when we all register with the local government now? Why should it be required to register with a central data base, as well, when all responsible registered breeders are registered with Dogs West & are under their code of ethics. My hobby would be under threat with increased fees. Am a senior citizen, resident in the Southern River Kennel Zone , living the life style I want, with number of dogs, am able to manage at this point in time.

Standards for housing, breeding etc: No comment here as provisions for this have not been written on. Why has there been no consultation on this .

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