



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



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Years involved	15
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>Against the sale of dogs in any shape or form through pet shops is fraught with problems, Impulse buying, follow up checking of well being of animal, initial discussion to ensure that potential owner is fully aware of the responsibilities of looking after an animal for potentially 15years or more.</p> <p>There is also the animals welfare at being transported to/from the pet shop before during and after the sale to any new owner, for an animal that has come from a shelter after rescue cannot be beneficial.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>I am against a carte blanc approach to de-sexing, there is much evidence that the action can be very detrimental to the animal. Age, breed, demeanour, condition of the dog needs to be confirmed by a registered and suitably qualified vet prior to this action. Mandatory de-sexing of dogs may open the government and or vet carrying out the procedure to legal proceedings where a dog suffers due to de-sexing</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	<p>There is much work needed before a centralised register system could be effective. Currently the local council agencies are too overworked with limited staff to be able to monitor such a system, the result will be where the personnel charged with the responsibility of such work will be unable to keep such a system up to date.</p> <p>Guidelines for registration as breeder need to be reviewed and documented at a sensible level on an equitable level for each and every local council. The issue then becomes where the breeder might then have to be situated. The concept of having all breeders in a "kennel" area is not possible given the number of dog breeds and the breeders wishing to enhance the breed into the future based upon a one or two litters a year.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	<p>This is linked to some degree to the issue above for the registration of a breeder. Mandatory standards should not be the issue, minimum standards with the need for authorities to check, approve and monitor the breeding environment. Similarly the housing, husbandry and transportation needs to be documented correctly approved, and monitored, a task which currently is not properly actioned again due to the lack of local council personnel and funding.</p>