



Dogs West Member Submission on



STOP PUPPY FARMING

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Breed(s)	Golden Retriever
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	11 years
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	This transition should be immediate. But Pet Shops are not the place to sell dogs. Pet shops should only be selling commodities that support the comfortable life of dogs. Rescue dogs are usually anxious and nervous and putting them in a highly stressed pet shop environment will elevate their issues. If they insist on selling dogs, they should be required to keep detailed records of where the pups are sourced from, health checks and behaviour checks from accredited vets and trainers.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I am a responsible dog owner and a member of DogsWest. I have no intention of breeding from my dog. I keep him entire for health reasons. There are many peer reviewed studies that relate early sterilisation of dogs to arthritis, cancer and joint disorders. With all these available studies it is irresponsible to introduce mandatory desexing! Will the government be ready to face litigation from pet owners whose dogs suffer from joint issues due to the introduction of mandatory desexing??? All Members of Dogs West should be exempt from mandatory sterilisation, whether they are a breeder or not.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	Dogs West members must be exempt from breeder registration as they have to comply with comprehensive Regulations and a Code of Ethics, which are enforced. Dogs West Members who have a Breeders Prefix should have Dogs West manage this process.



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>This should be done in consultation with Dogswest.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> How to stop puppy farming</p>	<p>The majority of puppy farmers are unregistered and backyard breeders. One of the most effective ways of stopping puppy farming is to ban ALL advertising of live dogs and impose serious fines for this breach. Without advertising, the backyard breeders will not be able to sell their pups. Simple and effective!</p>