

STOP PUPPY FARMING

Public Submission Form

Please use this form to provide your feedback on the State Government's proposed methods to stop puppy farming in WA. These questions are taken from the consultation paper released by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on Thursday, 3 May 2018. The paper can be accessed at [the Department's website](#).

The information you provide will be used by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to inform policy decisions regarding stopping puppy farming in WA. If you need help completing this form, please telephone DLGSC on (08) 6551 8700 or toll free for country callers on 1800 620 511, or email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

For a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) telephone: 13 14 50. To ensure your input is considered, please return your feedback before the consultation period closes at 4pm on **Friday 3 August 2018**.

Your contact details

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Stop Puppy Farming Questions

1. Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- Dog Owner
- Dog Breeder
- Pet Shop Owner
- Pet Business – please specify below
- Local Govt. employee
- Local Govt. elected member
- Shelter organisation employee
- Shelter organisation volunteer
- Rescue group employee
- Rescue group volunteer
- Foster Carer
- Veterinarian
- Other – please specify below

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

2. Would you purchase a behaviour and health checked rescue dog from a pet shop?

[Click here to enter text.]

No not from a pet shop.

3. What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

[Click here to enter text.]

approx age
desexed/not
where they were rescued from
health & behavior check

4. Do you think transitioning pet shops to adoption centres is beneficial?

[Click here to enter text.]

no I think most pet shops are just commercial ventures & pet rescue/adoption should be a not profit with charity funding & government funding.

5. If you are a pet shop owner or operator, what impact will this have on your business?

[Click here to enter text.]

pet shops do not have trained carers & volunteers on hand to provide 24/7 care, feed & cuddles to a rescue animal that has already missed out these fundamental things in their life...
government needs to provide more support to the rescue & adoption places that already exist.

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

6. How do you feel about mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs?

[Click here to enter text.]

great idea along with microchipping & shire registrations

7. Exemptions from mandatory de-sexing will apply for health and welfare reasons as assessed by a veterinarian, and if the dog owner is a registered breeder. Are there any other reasons why a dog should be exempt from being de-sexed?

[Click here to enter text.]

maybe age, when ruling becomes mandatory need an phase in period so that dogs that aren't desexed but are ~~elderly~~ maybe to old to undergo surgery are exempt.

8. Should mandatory dog de-sexing apply to all dogs, including existing dogs, or just dogs born after a particular date?

[Click here to enter text.]

apply to all dogs but with phase in period & veterinary checks.

one for elderly or disadvantaged to be able to afford to desex &

two elderly dogs to be exempt so as not to undergo procedures that may cause unnecessary stress physical & emotional.

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

[Click here to enter text.]

something along the lines of the microchipping data base so all dogs & owners can be traced.

10. Do you think it is reasonable to increase dog registration fees for dogs that are not de-sexed to encourage de-sexing?

Yes

Unsure

No

thinking of the financial impact on the elderly & therapy dogs etc ...

11. Do you support increasing dog registration fees to fund a streamlined centralised registration system and to fund enforcement activities?

[Click here to enter text.]

depending on the amount of increase ...

maybe concession discounts & multiple dog discounts ...

12. Do you think it is reasonable for dog breeders to pay an annual registration fee to cover the cost of monitoring and enforcing dog breeder compliance?

[Click here to enter text.]

Yes. being a non registered (with Canine assoc or a kennel club) breeder who had a one off litter with my family pets I would of gladly paid to register as a breeder with a central national organisation & been checked for compliance. One to keep an eye on the welfare of all dogs concerned & 2 to give reassurance to the eventual buyers of the PUPS.

13. Are there any other benefits, costs and/or issues associated with breeder registration that are not captured in this table? Please detail.

[Click here to enter text.]

14. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

[Click here to enter text.]

If they comply with ~~with~~ a well thought out set of standards as to husbandry & housing & care & the parent dogs are fully vet checked & healthy there shouldn't be a problem

15. Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

[Click here to enter text.]

maybe RSPCA or something similar as people usually shy away when government organisations start demanding money (may turn people away & you'll have the opposite effect with more backyard breeding & puppy farming)

Mandatory Standards for Dog Breeding, Housing, Husbandry, Transport and Sale

16. Should people who breed dogs have to comply with minimum standards for the health and welfare of their dogs?

Yes Absolutely Unsure
No

17. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

[Click here to enter text.]
if they comply with the standards & pay a suitable registration then there shouldn't be any restrictions.

18. Should the number of litters that a bitch can produce be restricted by law?

Yes Unsure
No

19. Should people who breed dogs for commercial gain be required to meet additional Mandatory Dog Breeding Standards?

Yes especially when it comes to how many litters & are they breeding pure breeds or mixed breeds are they complying with

health & behaviour standards for the breed & for the welfare of the dogs

20. If you said 'yes' to question 19, should this be based on:

- a) keeping a defined number of breeding dogs?
- b) if so, what number? maybe no more than 2 stud males
- c) any other criteria? & three females to any breeding facility

Please provide reasons:

[Click here to enter text.]

* Attach further documentation if required.

Confidentiality

Your submission will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website unless you ask for it to be confidential. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

Do you wish this information to remain private and confidential: Yes No

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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Please return this form to:

Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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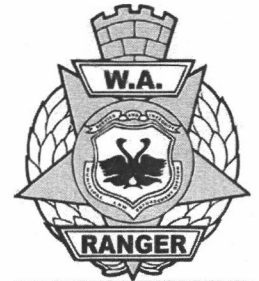
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STOP PUPPY FARMING

CONSULTATION PAPER



Stop Puppy Farming

Public consultation now open

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, in partnership with key industry stakeholders, has launched a consultation paper outlining a range of proposals to prevent puppy farms in WA.

The paper outlines the Government's proposed measures to stop puppy farming in WA by introducing:

- mandatory de-sexing of dogs unless an exemption is requested for breeding purposes or for reasons stated by a registered veterinarian; ✓
- a centralised registration system to ensure every dog and puppy can be identified at the point of sale or adoption, including in advertisements for sale; ✓
- mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale; and ✓
- the transition of pet shops into adoption centres that will only sell puppies and dogs from approved rescue organisations and animal shelters.

Members of the public are invited to have their say on the measures by visiting the Department's website www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/stoppuppyfarming.

maybe with a dedicated welfare officer assigned to closely monitor where & how they are care for & treated while @ pet shops (most pet shops are commercial ventures & are not in attendance 24/7 to provide pro

Targeted consultation

The Stop Puppy Farming Implementation Working Group, which consists of expert representatives of key stakeholder organisations, has been meeting to inform these policy measures. As a member of the working group, the WA Rangers Association has represented the views of WA rangers and has provided valuable input into this important issue.

In addition to the consultation paper, the Department has prepared an additional supplementary paper.

The supplementary paper considers the implementation of the Government's measures and rangers are encouraged to provide feedback on how these proposed measures should be implemented.

For a copy of the supplementary paper, please email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Rangers can provide feedback on the supplementary paper by either:

- Completing the online survey by following this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GT9HPVW>
- Inputting your answers onto your copy of the paper and emailing it to puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au
- Submitting a written submission to puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Feedback on the measures must be submitted to the Department by Friday, 3 August 2018.



appropriate care ≠ feeding (& cuddles)
to a animal that has already missed
out on these fundamental things in
life...