



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Years involved	18
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).	I do not believe Pet Shops are the place for the selling of dogs under any circumstances. Rescue dogs can have a host of unknown past experiences and already be under stress from living in a Rescue situation. Taking that dog to another strange situation simply puts the rescue dog under even more stress and could lead to impulse buying from an inexperienced person or family.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	Totally Disagree I am a Dogs West member and I am the owner of an older dog that has retired from breeding. I do not want to put this dog through major surgery when they are going to be at risk due to General Anaesthesia. Please do not make dogs over the age of 7 years required to have this surgery. We are not permitted to breed from them as per Dogs West Code of Ethics. Please give dogs that are involved in a Dogs West breeding program an exemption for life. Any legislation proposed by government should be on a "no-harm" basis. Many studies show the effect of early sterilisation on dogs in relation to diseases, such as cancer, behavioural issues and incorrect growth, such as elongated bones and joint disorders.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	I believe Dogs West Members who have a Breeders Prefix should have Dogs West manage this process. I disagree with all owners of an entire dog or bitch being registered as a "breeder" under the proposed system. As a small dog show enthusiast and breeder we live in Suburbia with only 2 dogs the remaining dogs in our name are placed in loving pet homes on terms. The people who own these dogs are generally not interested the paperwork associated with owning a pedigree dog. I think that making these people register as breeders will deter them from pedigree dogs and be the end of small scale dog enthusiasts like myself. This will have a flow on effect reducing breeding gene pool to the larger scale or commercial breeders located in Kennel Zones.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I Agree with a minimum standard for dog breeding, housing, transport, husbandry and sale being introduced. However if breeders choose to go above and beyond these standards they should not be penalised. Eg any litters we have are whelped inside our home and puppies are raised inside until at least 4 weeks age before moving to play pen outside during day and back inside at night. From my understanding this would not comply with the proposed standards. In summary whilst I strongly agree that the issue of puppy farming is a disgusting practice needs to be addressed as soon as a possible. I do not agree with the proposed legislation in its current form. I believe the Legislation in its current form will penalise the small hobby breeders which are already respecting and adhering to registration and licencing requirements set by Dogwest and Local



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Governments. The Legislation will promote large scale breeders already located within kennel zones and will have little effect on the backyard breeders who generally have no intention registering or licencing their dogs.

I feel that the legislation should target Backyard Breeders that do not register with Local Government and are generally do not have pedigree dogs and therefore do not come under Dogswest regulations. These breeders have little regard for the health and care of their dogs and puppies some of which may never see the inside of a vet clinic. Sadly these are the puppies seen for sale on gumtree and Facebook and raised in appalling conditions.