

# STOP PUPPY FARMING

## Public Submission Form

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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](mailto: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**.

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# Stop Puppy Farming Questions

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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

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

Pet shops should not sell dogs.

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

Pet shops should not sell dogs.

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

Pet shops should not sell dogs.  
Your proposal is to stop puppy farming. This transition will not stop puppy farming, so is of no benefit.

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

Pet shops should not sell dogs.

## Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

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

I believe dog owners should have the right to decide when and if to de-sex their dog.

Mandatory dog de-sexing will not stop puppy farming, which is your purpose.

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?

This question ignores the previous one, as though you have already made up your minds to make it mandatory. If an owner believes it is in the best interest of their dog not to have it de-sexed they should be exempt.

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

You're now saying it will be mandatory. De-sexing should be up to the individual dog owner.

## Centralised Registration System

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9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

I am a Dogs West member, we have a perfectly adequate registration system.

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

We already pay an increased fee to our council for having dogs that are not de-sexed. I have no problem with this.

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

No. I am a Dogs West member and pay them a fee for registration. I comply with all of their rules and regulations. Why should I fund the enforcement of others?

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?

I am a Dogs West member and already pay an annual fee to cover my compliance. If you are a dog breeder you should have to register with Dogs West.

A breeder who breeds cross-bred dogs should have to register with a similar governing body and follow the same rules and regulations as Dogs West members, including the process required to obtain a Prefix to become a breeder.

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

Breeders should be registered with Dogs West.

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

Breeders should be registered with Dogs West and comply with their rules and regulations. There needs to be somewhere for cross-bred breeders to register and they should comply to the same guidelines created by Dogs West. Make Dogs West Pure Bred Breeders exempt from your new legislation and create a place for Cross Breeders to register and be accountable for their practice.

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

Dogs West should be responsible for Pure Bred Breeders. Local government can look after the rest.

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

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

People who breed pure bred dogs should comply with Dogs West standards.

Cross bred breeders should have to comply with the same standards.

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

Dogs West has a process in place for Breeders to obtain their breeding prefix. This process should also be used for those who breed cross bred dogs.

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

Restrictions have already been put in place by Dogs West.

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

Dogs should not be bred for commercial gain.

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?
- c) any other criteria?

Please provide reasons:

Dogs should not be bred for commercial gain.

\* 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: 30/07/2018

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## Please return this form to:

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**Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018**

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