



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



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<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>I believe that no dogs should ever be sold from shops. Too many people buy dogs from pet shops on the spare of the moment. They haven't thought it though and these dogs can then be a problem and end up in shelters or rescues. If this is happening with puppies it will happen with older dogs. There needs to be a cooling off period.</p> <p>Not all dogs that end up in shelters are suitable for rehoming – who will be responsible if a dog ends up in an unsuitable home and there is an incident? The answer is simple – No Dogs In Shops!!</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>I am not in favour of this – it should be owner decision and the vet and breeder need to be involved in deciding the right time if at all.</p> <p>Why is mandatory sterilisation being considered in WA when the major Australian states do not have it – only the ACT and South Australia have this in place.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	<p>While I am not opposed to others breeding dogs in a caring, safe and appropriate environment as Dogs West Members cannot meet the market demand to maintain dog ownership in Western Australia. Dogs West members are already on the ANKC Register, recognised Australia Wide – they do not need to be on another register.</p> <p>Just because my dog is entire doesn't mean I as going to breed from it, and I won't as the dog is on 'Breeders Terms' so why do I need to be registered as a 'Breeder'? Is this just a method of extracting another fee from the people that aren't the problem?</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	<p>I thank the Dogs West team for working to get Professor Koutsantonis involved, pity it took so long for the Government to see the value in having Dogs West involved.</p> <p>I will reserve my comments on the standards until something useful is presented. I hope these will be sensible.</p>