



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



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Years involved	10 Years - (early 80's) (then in 2013 onwards)	
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Husband    2 x Children <sup>support</sup>	

**My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues)**

DOGS SHOULD NOT BE SOLD IN PET SHOPS. It is not the right environment for the animals emotional welfare and pet shops are businesses that are in the retail sector. Sourcing dogs for rescue should only be done from registered and accredited rescue facilities. With the dogs remaining in the care of the rescue facility, with only the dogs details, history, photo, behaviour assessment and rescue contact details displayed in the pet shop. This transition should be only a 30 day from pet shop to supporting rescue centres. NO DOGS TO BE SOLD IN PET SHOPS. STOP THE PET SHOPS FROM FLYING THEM OVER FROM PUPPY FARMERS OVER EAST OR BUYING FROM UNREGISTERED BACK YARD BREEDERS OR AS DOWN THE ROAD FROM ME WHERE THE PET SHOP BREEDS THEIR OWN CROSSBREEDS TO SELL IN THE PET SHOP.

**My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.**

I am a full member registered of pure breed dogs with Dogs West and the Australian National Kennel Council and I a registered breeder with the above bodies and breed very minimally as I have a hobby of participating in dog confirmation shows and I breed primarily to produce the next generation of prodigy for my hobby. I DO NOT AGREE WITH MANDATORY DE-SEXING OF MY MALE or FEMALES DOGS as I abide by the code of ethics set out by the ANKC and Dogs West and I HAVE NEVER HAD A FINE OR A MISDEMEANOUR. I also have a young male pure breed dog which I have been given under a caretaker and custodian role of his bloodlines as his breeder who is 73, and has spent over 30 years working and developing the desired pure breed bloodlines and as she is getting on in years and would like me to look after desired bloodline and this is done under her, she is a respected Dog conformation Judge and a long term member of Dogs Tasmania and the ANKC. De-sexing this young dog would wipe out her bloodline and many years of hard work. Not to mention the scientific research done on the ill effects on de-sexing dogs to young. I am a responsible registered breeder who is governed through my membership with

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DogsWest and the ANKC and the choice of de-sexing my males and females is MY CHOICE ONLY.

**My thoughts on: Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a breeder.**

I am a full member registered with DogsWest and the Australian National Kennel Council and I am a registered breeder of pure breed dogs, I have been involved with dogs for over 20 years whether it be confirmation showing, obedience training and enjoying being with my dogs at home. Over this period I have always had my dogs registered with my local council. I AM ALREADY ON A CENTRAL REGISTER SYSTEM WITH DOGSWEST and the ANKC. Being registered as a breeder of pure breed dogs with DogsWest was done by a going to breeder information sessions, studying a booklet about my role, responsibilities and the codes and ethics associated with being a responsible breeder with DogsWest and then I had to sit an exam about being a responsible breeder of dogs with a 70% pass rate. Which is not done by any other lobby groups like the Australian Association Pet Dog Breeders. They allow cross breeders to breed will nilly and have very little in ways of ensure breeding practices are done with the welfare of the dogs. The AAPDB needs to be looked into and scrutinised very closely not responsible members of Dogswest. If a Dogswest member breaks the code of ethics, they are harshly dealt with, including financial fines, suspension of membership and their name and offence is published in the monthly Dogswest booklet that is mailed out to every financial member of Dogswest. I am doing the right thing with my dogs and their emotional and physical welfare and I abide by the rules set out for me by Dogswest. There should only be 1 Authorised member body per state that has all people wanting to own pure bred dogs, and if they choose to be breeders of pure breed dogs, then they go through that authorised dog body Organisation to become registered breeders. DogsWest, DogsVic, DogsTas, DogsQld, DogsSA, DogsNSW, DogsNT not these other lobby groups who dilute the good intentions, code of ethics and appropriate constitutions that the of members reputable State Canine bodies below to. I believe my local council should automatically give me consent as a breeder considering I am already a registered breeder of pure bred dogs with DogsWest and the Australian National Kennel Council. I also pay a good amount of money to have the privilege of being a member of Dogswest, having a breeders prefix, register puppies, and all of which is entered into a dog registration data base with the ANKC. My council dog licence is also a cost per dog. I don't need to pay for anything else or have another registration system, the one I use works fine.

**My thoughts on Mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandary, transport and sale.**

Being a full member registered with DogsWest and the Australian National Kennel Council and I am a registered breeder of pure breed dogs, I am already have a breeding prefix due to having being educated by Dogswest in my role and responsibilities as a dog owner and a breeder. This was done by being registered as a breeder of pure breed dogs with DogsWest.

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To achieve this it was compulsory for me to attend breeder information sessions, in which I had to sign in to prove my attendance, studying a manual about my role, responsibilities and the codes of ethics, rules and bylaws associated with being a responsible breeder, sitting an exam and passing with a 70 % pass rate or above before I could apply to obtain a breeding prefix. This is what everyone else should do if they choose to breed pure breed dogs. No exception to the other lobby groups who should not even exist. KEEP IT SIMPLE.

**I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ANY REGISTERED DOGSWEST MEMBER WHO HAS A BREEDERS PREFIX BE EXEMPT FROM ANY PUPPY FARMING LEGISLATION. AS LISA BAKER (MLA) SAID 'WE ARE THE GOLD STAR IN THIS MATTER AND WE HAVE ALL THE BALANCES AND CHECKS IN PLACE'**

Thank-you  
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One last thing "Gumtree" allows a person who is "Australian Association Pet dog Breeders" registered to advertise their puppy for sale providing its over \$500. Is this an ethical thing? AAPDB are a lobby group that can allow cross breeds to be so called 'registered'. This makes it impossible for a member of the public who is wanting to buy a puppy, to know the difference between a legitimate Registered breeder of pure bred dogs from <sup>DOGSWEST</sup> ANKC or are they buying from a so called "registered" AAPDB back yard breeder. Perhaps legislation needs to be considered for this situation!

\*NB. DOGSWEST Registered Breeders are NOT allowed to sell puppies or dogs to pet shops.

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