



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Breed(s)	Papillion
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Years involved	47 years
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</p>	<p><u>No dogs sold through pet shops.</u></p> <p>I do not believe that highly social animals should be left in pet shops for extended periods. It is not the correct environment.</p> <p>I do not believe that rescue dogs should be in shops because many have behavioural issues and the public are not equipped to handle them.</p> <p>Rather than impulse buying people should know what pre-existing issues a dog might have and this is better managed at at Rescue, not in a shop.</p> <p>Dogs should be assessed by a qualified person before being made available in a rescue.</p> <p>Some dogs have had bad experiences and they never recover, and are not suitable for a companion home and should not be put in that situation.</p> <p>I do not believe in dogs being kept alive in this situation because they have no quality of life.</p> <p>I would be heartbroken if a rescue got one of my dogs through any circumstances, and would not let me recover the dog and find it a suitable new home. Some rescues will not let breeders assist. It is not about the money, it is about the welfare of the dog.</p> <p>Good breeders don't stop caring.</p> <p>I do not see how any of the proposal will stop puppy farmers – they will just go underground and continue to operate while they think they can make money.</p> <p>If a buyer cannot get a dog from a responsible breeder, they will turn to these people to get one.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p>	<p>NO to mandatory desexing.</p> <p>I do not believe in dogs being sterilised under 12 months – they need to mature and hormones are needed for that.</p> <p>I believe that many breeders do not live in a kennel zone and therefore have dogs placed in companion homes and they need to be not sterilised to maintain a good gene pool for healthy breeding.</p> <p>I know that large breeds can be very badly affected by early sterilisation, and many dogs also have behavioural problems.</p> <p>All Dogs West Members should be exempt from mandatory desexing.</p> <p>Only ever for medical reasons.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p>Introduce a centralised registration system to identify every dog and puppy.</p>	<p>No dog owner should have to pay more to register their dog than they do now. No one should be penalised because a dog is not sterilised. My dogs are already registered with Dogs West as a Member, and I have to abide by the strict Rules and Regulations and Code Of Ethics. As a responsible breeder I am happy to follow those rules. So I do not believe, that I should also have to register with my council to be a breeder. This should be automatic as I am a Dogs West Member. If a breeder number is introduced, my number should be my Dogs West number – it makes sense to only have one number.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>All dogs should have a clean environment, with free access to water and shelter. Mental stimulation is important, and companionship is essential. Strongly of the view that all puppies should be raised in a home – as that is their future – a home environment as a companion animal. In respect to kennels a good size for the respective size of the dog kennelled. Any standards should be sensible and workable, and appropriate to the circumstances of the dogs. Kennel establishments should have different requirements for a small home-based breeder. I am a Dogs West breeder, but I also know that others in the community breed puppies occasionally in a caring and responsible environment and any standards should encourage them to continue to do so, rather than stop them and have more puppies bred in large commercial environments or shipped in from other states. I would also like to see home breeders come under a code of practice similar to Dogs West, including health testing of breeding stock.</p>