



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



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Breed(s)	Japanese Spitz also had Irish Setters and Border Collies
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Years involved	1982
Family involved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>Out of curiosity I have visited pet shops that sell puppies. It was evident to me that they lacked documentation in relation to where they sourced their dogs from and the puppies had, sometimes, one vaccination but there were no guarantees in relation to health, either long or short term. I do not believe pet shops that have such a low regard for the puppies they currently sell will add any value to what shelters can do. It is very sad.</p> <p>I would rather see Government support the very few remaining pet shops that trade in puppies and kittens to transition to a more successful business model in relation to supplying goods only. This could be done with the assistance of the Small Business Development Corporation which is already established and could run workshops to assist.</p> <p>In relation to shelters I believe they should also have controls. It was disheartening to read in the paper recently that some rescues and shelters are bringing in stock from interstate, why would this even be something that can happen? This surely poses a risk to dogs living in WA in terms of disease control. I remember when cyclone Tracy caused the spread of heartworm, and recently the aftermath of hurricane Katrina saw an endemic in diseases being spread. This really needs addressing, along with the fact that these dogs could not find suitable homes in their own states leads me to think they are temperamentally not viable pets.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>I am really disappointed to see this. Particularly as I am new to my breed and I have not yet started as a breeder of Japanese Spitz, a fairly rare breed.</p> <p>I have suffered the loss of a dog post-surgery after it removed sutures while in the care of a vet. I know this is my own anxiety but it has led me to believe that no surgery should be done unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>While only involved in this breed for a short while I do want to contribute and I do aim to breed some litters. My dogs are healthy, well assessed by a variety of judges and are of sound body and temperament. I do not want to have a struggle with my local Government in relation to my plans. I feel like my rights are being eroded.</p> <p>As a Dogs West member I seek that I get some exemptions to keep my dog entire so I can continue to show and also possibly breed in the future. I am not yet a registered breeder so it might be difficult as I know that Register breeders are seeking an exemption – I ask that this also includes all of Dogs West members</p> <p>Further I have a male who would need de-sexing under your proposal. I have a signed contract with his breeder that I will have his semen frozen for her purpose. If I have to de-sex him before I meet this requirement I will be in</p>



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	<p>breach of that contract, I will have let her down and he will not be able to contribute his wonderful attributes to the gene pool.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.</b></p>	<p>I already have my dogs registered with the local Government and they are registered for life as I am on a pension at it was financially a better option. I have a number of concerns:</p> <p>My dogs are intact.</p> <p>I am not yet a breeder with Dogs West but I am a member who shows dogs and want to breed the odd litter in time. Your proposal does not cater for me.</p> <p>I do not want a ranger accessing data that will let them take my dogs because they are not de-sexed and I am not a breeder. Some rangers can be like over the top cops. I really do not want to deal with one of those.</p> <p>I do not want to have to pay to re-register my dogs. I am on a pension.</p> <p>I am a responsible dog owner and you already know about me. What are you doing about the ones who are already under the radar? I do not see how this proposal will help you find them.</p> <p>This week an illegal puppy farm was identified in Gippsland Victoria, the dogs were being bred in dog trailers parked in the bush under camouflage tarps. These are the people you should be spending time on. Fix the current legislation if it doesn't let you deal with people like that. People like me are not your target.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b></p>	<p>Of course there should be minimum standards but they need to be practical and workable for the dogs and the owners. Things will change from breed to breed and dependent on the purpose of the dog. It would be ridiculous to have the same standards in place for working farm dogs, domestic pets, detector dogs, guard dogs etc.</p> <p>I know it will be difficult but please do not overly dictate in this place.</p> <p>I know this paper has not yet been written I look forward to being consulted and also ask that consultation with experts in this field across a variety of dog uses be considered.</p>