From: Geoff and Ronnie
To: Puppy Farming

Subject: submission regarding changes to the Dog Act

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Hi,

Attached is my simple submission regarding the changes to the Dog Act in WA. The mandatory de sexing of dogs should not go ahead as there are no facts in the idea that this will stop puppy farming. There are still plenty of kittens found under bushes, in drains on vet doorsteps and shelters whilst there is supposed to be sterilised cats and licensed cats.

Unless you have an other way of looking at the problem such as having an application to acquire a pup/dog and license the owner you will have more of a control of what happens here in WA. Not even all the States are involved in this so other States that have strict rules their puppy farmers have just moved over the borders and kept on going. These farmers are being contacted by ignorant people that believe the lovely cuddly fluffy pup is being brought up in an healthy environment to have their next canine companion. If you have a application to procure and have questions to answer prior to allow a license then this would curtail so much impulse buying. Eg 72 hours after they have applied and past the questionnaire. Questions such as what breed do you think would suit you, do you have the housing for this breed, have you given any thought to the size this breed will eventually be (if it is a large breed dog), what is the main reason for wanting to own a dog. Have you had any prosecutions regarding cruelty to animals or unhealthy conditions that the animal has been in.

Kind Regards

Ronnie Willis Luvaberne Bernese Mountain Dogs Get a Real Hug, Get a Berner