



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



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Years involved	6
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>I do not think dogs or cats should be sold in Pet shops in general. I don't think they should be allowed to sell puppies as this helps puppy farmers with an easy way to offload puppies without following the strict rules and regs Dogswest Members are bound by.</p> <p>I also don't think Pet shops are the place for rescue dogs, as a majority of these dogs needs to be assessed and managed by skilled people. I don't think putting them in the stressful situation that is pet shops would help them.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>Mandatory de-sexing of dogs is not going to stop the puppy farmers operating out side of the law currently, this new law will not change their mind set. It is merely forcing people to put their animals through major surgery when it might not be something they wish to do.</p> <p>I own a pedigree papered male bull terrier – he is entire as I show him. I have no intentions of breeding with him &amp; I do no want him to have major surgery at his age as I am concerned about implications this may have on his health.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	<p>Why do we need to change the current registration system? We already have council registrations, microchipping registrations &amp; registrations through dogs west? We the ones who are doing the right thing will be penalised and have to hand over more money in an already tight time.</p> <p>It seems like just another money grab by the government.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	I have not seen anything further written on this topic so am unable to comment.