



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Years involved	30
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am of the belief Pet Shops should not be selling dogs under any circumstances. • Indeed selling Rescues where they do not know the past history of the dog and there is no follow up or help could lead to that dog abandoned or back in Rescue. • Their role is to sell dog or pet related products, a good deal of pet shops have moved away from selling dogs and cats. • Puppy farms sell to Pet Shops the prime cause of this legislation. • Perhaps they could have photos or videos of pets available from Rescues available for potential owners. • As a breeder I actively discourage people from frequenting Pet Shop establishments that sell puppies and kittens.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I supported the Government to STOP Puppy farming and not for compulsory De-sexing of my pets. This takes away my rights. • If pure bred dogs are sterilised at a young age this will reduce breeding stock and choice of breed. It will NOT reduce puppies from Puppy Farms which are often poorly bred in dire circumstances. • I am a responsible dog owner and member of Dogs West, I should have the choice based on health and welfare of my dog as to when to sterilise my pet. • Many Vets and reports I have read are against early sterilisation. At an early age the dog has not finished growing and it can affect the pet in later life. Allowing a dog to grow to maturity also protects them against Cancer, Bone and Joint disorders along with behavioural issues. • Legislation should be introduced on a NO HARM basis and as proposed this is not the case. To supposedly solve one problem this legislation is creating another as profound i.e. the health of pure bred dogs. • De-sexing is not a one size fit all and in addition we as Dogs West members cannot breed from our dogs post 7 years of age. I would also like to be able to consider Vet advice in any surgical procedure including sterilising any of my dogs.



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am unsure at this current date about a CAR. • What will be in place to maintain privacy of information. • What safe guards will be put in place to ensure the integrity of the system. • How will it be policed for those that do not register their dogs or microchips and therefore ‘fly under the radar’ as they currently do.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a Dogs West member I am already subject to a Code of Ethics as regards the care of dogs whether these dogs are pet or show dogs. • Minimum age of breeding and number of litters that can be produce by bitches with an upper age limit. • In addition there is a requirement to breed for the betterment of the breed and not specifically for the pet market. • My dogs are part of my family and live inside and are not kennelled. • Potential pet owners are thoroughly scrutinised with the object of finding a caring, life long home. • There is no money to be made in breeding pure bred dogs with the cost of care prior to breeding, during the pregnancy and whelp and ongoing care.. We are not in the breed to make money... my last litter of 3x puppies has cost me in excess of \$10000 to produce (receipts can be provided). From the puppies born only one has been sold at this time for 1/5th of the total cost. This does not take into account the personal time spent researching pedigrees, staying at home and caring for the bitch and puppies 24/7 and other associated costs to ensure the healthiest, well bred with good temperament puppy and ultimately dog is brought into the world and is placed in a ‘forever’ home. • In my opinion, puppy farmers who are ‘making’ money from breeding puppies they are breeding too frequently and cutting corners to cut costs at the expense of the puppy and puppy owners and charging exorbitant prices to ensure a profit. • Puppy farms do not have these considerations for their dogs and subsequent puppies. If a puppy becomes ill or is no longer able to stay with the buyer they do not want any part of it. • As a Breeder I have put a total of 10 puppies on the ground over my entire lifetime as a breeder. I provide 100% breeder support to my puppy buyers and will even take a dog that is not able to be to be kept buy a past buyer (for whatever reason) and rehome this dog myself so I am aware of the circumstances and I am able to ascertain whether the new home is suitable. I have this in my ‘Terms & Conditions’ when selling a puppy.