



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Years involved	46 years
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	I DON'T AGREE THAT ANY ANIMALS SHOULD BE SOLD THROUGH PET SHOPS. HOWEVER, IF PET SHOPS ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE SELLING DOGS/PUPPIES THEN THE PET SHOP OWNER SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY THE SAME STANDARDS RE BREEDING, HOUSING, MICRO-CHIPPING ETC THAT DOGS WEST HAVE TO MEET. THE NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PURCHASER SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED BY THE VENDOR AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IF NECESSARY.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I DO NOT AGREE WITH MANDATORY DESEXING OF DOGS/PUPPIES AS IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT IT IS NOT IN THE ANIMALS BEST INTERESTS RE THEIR FUTURE HEALTH.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	DOGS WEST MEMBERS ARE ALLREADY PART OF A STATE REGISTRY SYSTEM THROUGH THEIR OWN MEMBERSHIP AND THIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. DOGS WEST HAVE SET VERY HIGH STANDARDS FOR THEIR BREEDERS SO ANY OTHER PERSON WANTING TO BREED SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO AS LONG AS THEY MEET THE ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF BREEDING & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AS PER THE DOGS WEST CODE OF ETHICS.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I BELIEVE THAT BREEDERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WHELP THEIR LITTERS IN THEIR HOMES IF THEY SO DESIRE. ALTERNATIVELY, A SUITABLE WHELPING AREA SHOULD BE PROVIDED WHICH HAS ADEQUATE HEATING, GOOD VENTILATION, AND A SECURE AREA AWAY FROM OTHER DOGS. ALL DOGS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SHELTER WHICH HAS SECURE FENCING. SHADE AND FRESH WATER SHOULD ASLO BE AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT. TRANSPORTING OF DOGS ON THE BACK OF AN OPEN UTE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTACES. THE SALE OF DOGS IS COVERED UNDER THE DOGS WEST CODE OF ETHICS WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE GUIDELINES FOLLOWED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.



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I have been breeding pure bred dogs more than 40 years and believe that Dogs West should be exempt from any changes that may be implemented with regards to breeding, housing, ongoing care & maintenance and selling dogs. It was publicly stated by Ms L Baker that Dogs west are the Gold Standard in all aspects of canine involvement and they have set the bar very high which other organisations should have to aspire to.

Dogs west have demonstrated that they are self-regulating, applying severe fines and suspensions where it is proven that one of their members has broken one or more of the regulations. All Dogs west members are bound by a detailed Code of Ethics which contains stringent rules pertaining to breeding and housing of their dogs.

A registered breeder with Dogs west should not be limited to a regulatory number of breeding bitches so long as they meet the criteria of the Council in which they reside. i.e. those breeders living in a gazetted kennel zone may keep however many they are approved for. So long as they meet the requirements of Dogs west and maintain their kennels in a satisfactory manner then they should not be limited in any other way.

If you ban the sale of dogs/puppies from pet shops or alternatively demand that they meet the same requirements as Dogs west members, then the trade in puppy farms will be reduced. It is highly unlikely that you will ever stop puppy farming all together but if you can control it to a certain degree then this may have the desired outcome that you are looking for.