

# STOP PUPPY FARMING

## Public Submission Form

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Please use this form to provide your feedback on the State Government's proposed methods to stop puppy farming in WA. These questions are taken from the consultation paper released by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on Thursday, 3 May 2018. The paper can be accessed at [the Department's website](#).

The information you provide will be used by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to inform policy decisions regarding stopping puppy farming in WA. If you need help completing this form, please telephone DLGSC on (08) 6551 8700 or toll free for country callers on 1800 620 511, or email [puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

For a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) telephone: 13 14 50. To ensure your input is considered, please return your feedback before the consultation period closes at 4pm on **Friday 3 August 2018**.

### Your contact details

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# Stop Puppy Farming Questions

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1. Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- Dog Owner
- Dog Breeder
- Pet Shop Owner
- Pet Business – please specify below
- Local Govt. employee
- Local Govt. elected member
- Shelter organisation employee
- Shelter organisation volunteer
- Rescue group employee
- Rescue group volunteer
- Foster Carer
- Veterinarian
- Other – please specify below

## Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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2. Would you purchase a behaviour and health checked rescue dog from a pet shop?

Yes, I would welcome transparency.

3. What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

Breeding details, health of the animal and any other relevant information.

4. Do you think transitioning pet shops to adoption centres is beneficial?

As long as the adoption centre is checked for ethical practices.

5. If you are a pet shop owner or operator, what impact will this have on your business?

N/A

## **Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs**

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6. How do you feel about mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs?

Not 100% sure, but it may help over-population problems.

7. Exemptions from mandatory de-sexing will apply for health and welfare reasons as assessed by a veterinarian, and if the dog owner is a registered breeder. Are there any other reasons why a dog should be exempt from being de-sexed?

Perhaps if the breed is a rare one.

8. Should mandatory dog de-sexing apply to all dogs, including existing dogs, or just dogs born after a particular date?

Dogs born after a particular date.

## Centralised Registration System

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9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It will not benefit me per se, but I feel more information, regulation and transparency benefits everyone long term.

10. Do you think it is reasonable to increase dog registration fees for dogs that are not de-sexed to encourage de-sexing?

Yes

Unsure

No

11. Do you support increasing dog registration fees to fund a streamlined centralised registration system and to fund enforcement activities?

Yes.

12. Do you think it is reasonable for dog breeders to pay an annual registration fee to cover the cost of monitoring and enforcing dog breeder compliance?

Yes.

13. Are there any other benefits, costs and/or issues associated with breeder registration that are not captured in this table? Please detail.

It will possibly weed out the immoral or negligent ones.

14. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

Anyone with ANY history of animal abuse or a record of criminal behaviour.

15. Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

Local government is a good start at least, not sure going forward.

## Mandatory Standards for Dog Breeding, Housing, Husbandry, Transport and Sale

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16. Should people who breed dogs have to comply with minimum standards for the health and welfare of their dogs?

Yes

Unsure

No

17. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

Anyone with ANY history of animal abuse or a record of criminal behaviour. Also if the individual is known to be a disreputable puppy farmer.

18. Should the number of litters that a bitch can produce be restricted by law?

Yes

Unsure

No

19. Should people who breed dogs for commercial gain be required to meet additional Mandatory Dog Breeding Standards?

Yes, most certainly.

20. If you said 'yes' to question 19, should this be based on:

- a) keeping a defined number of breeding dogs?
- b) if so, what number?
- c) any other criteria?

Please provide reasons:

Yes, keeping a defined number of breeding dogs, not breeding these dogs continually or too many times. Also meeting strict standards for the health and wellbeing of the dogs. Providing adequate space, food and water, shelter, vet care and comfort at all times.

\* Attach further documentation if required.

## Confidentiality

Your submission will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website unless you ask for it to be confidential. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

Do you wish this information to remain private and confidential: Yes  No

Signature:



Date: 16/05/2018

## Please return this form to:

**Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018**

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