



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



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Years involved	Since 2017 (Shih Tzu owner since 1996)
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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b></p>	<p><b>Can I begin by stating that I am not in favour of pet shops selling puppies. My experience is that they largely misrepresent what they are selling and do not show due proper care in placing puppies and are by and large people who I see as motivated by money and have very little interest in the care, wellbeing or long term health of pups and dogs.</b></p> <p><b>I have personally made enquiries at a number of pet shops and they have openly advised that they are sourcing puppies from ‘breeders’ in NSW and VIC. These puppy farmers are not in WA so this proposal will not impact on the cause.</b></p> <p><b>Some rescues in WA are actively sourcing dogs from pounds and shelters in other states. Why are they doing this if the dog does not have a designated home to go to? Lisa Baker MLA says no dogs should be bred until shelters are empty - how can that happen if they are bringing in dogs from other States to go into shelters?</b></p> <p><b>How can a dog are properly assessed for its fitness to be adopted if shelters do not see the dog until after it arrives in WA. What assurance do we have that those dogs are not dangerous dogs being moved from state to state to avoid euthanasia and in the chase for the profit involved?</b></p>
<p><i>L1My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b></p>	<p><b>I am a responsible dog owner and a member of Dogs West. I have no intention of breeding from my dog. I just want him to be healthy and strong for as long as possible.</b></p> <p><b>In addition to my entire dog I also have a dog and have previously owned several bitches that were not shown and these animals has been sterilised so I have no issue with sterilisation of dogs per se but strongly believe that If a dog needs to be sterilised it should be at a time and age suitable for the type of dog and the circumstances, with advice from a Vet and the relevant breeder.</b></p> <p><b>I enjoy showing dogs and have to keep them entire for the purposes of showing. Dog showing for me is a sport and I gain a lot of enjoyment and a sense of community belonging by showing my dogs.</b></p> <p><b>I am not your target and it pains me that you are introducing something to ‘stop puppy farming’ but all it will do is restrict proper dog breeding.</b></p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.</b></p>	<p><b>What safeguards will be in place to ensure the information contained in the registry will only be accessed for legitimate and approved activities?</b></p> <p><b>Until the scope and use of the proposed central registry is known I cannot comment on who should have access. However the basic principles of privacy and a valid need to know must be applied to any party being considered for access.</b></p> <p><b>While I support the cause ‘to stop puppy farming’ I do not support this proposal. I think you have created a document that prays on people’s good will and is misleading. It will not deliver what you promise.</b></p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes dogs should have a dignified life and there should be mandatory standards but you have not provided us with a paper to comment on which makes this difficult to address. .</b></p> <p><b>This is your chance to talk to people who know. I was pleased to see that Professor George Koutsantonis has been accepted as the Dogs West representative on the DPIRD Standards Writing Group and I hope that he may show the way to a common sense, practical approach to this matter.</b></p>