



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Years involved	51 years
Family involved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	<p>I do not agree that pet shops should be allowed to sell dogs and cats at all. It is much better for people to go to see dogs and cats in the environment in which they are being raised, rather than go to see them in the pet shop.</p> <p>I do not agree at all that pet shops should transition to selling rescue dogs. I feel that rescue organizations should continue to be responsible for finding suitable new homes for their dogs, not pet shops, as they have been caring for the rescue and know a lot more about each of their dogs. A pet shop will know nothing about the rescue they have for sale.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>I do not agree at all with being forced to de-sex any of my dogs. I feel that there is a lot of scientific evidence which clearly shows that de-sexing is not good for dogs, and that it can lead to health problems, increased risk of cancer, temperament problems in dogs, and also can shorten the lives of dogs.</p> <p>I consider that Dogs West Members must be exempt from any such requirements as our hobby of conformation showing is based on exhibiting undesexed dogs and bitches and our hobby will suffer if these proposals are brought in. Our hobby may actually be killed off by these proposals</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	<p>I do not agree that as a Dogs West Member and Registered Breeder with the ANKC that I should also have to be registered with my local government. I have to meet the highest standards for keeping and breeding my dogs, and I do not believe that breeders registered by their local government will be required to meet anywhere near the high standards that I have to meet.</p> <p>I believe that Dogs West Members should be exempt from also being registered with their local government. This proposal is just double dipping and a money making exercise by the Government – and who is going to enforce these requirements????</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	<p>How can I make any useful comment here, as the draft standards have not been released yet for me to consider. I feel that the so called consultation process is a very poor one when we are being asked to comment without the relevant information.</p>