

STOP PUPPY FARMING

Public Submission Form

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.

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

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

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

potentially

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

Where the dog had come from – location, upbringing, previous owners. Breed/s. Parents details and photos. Health history and behaviour report.

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

Yes, however I don't believe that this is suitable for non-juvenile dogs due to space constraints at modern pet shops and therefore this will be limiting.

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

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

I believe that de-sexing should be encouraged through cheaper registration fees and low cost de-sexing however not mandatory.

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?

Responsible owners should still be permitted to breed their pet dog if they can meet the mandatory standards as per dog breeding guidelines.

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

No, I don't believe that de-sexing should be mandatory

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

As an owner, I don't believe it will benefit me. Purchasing a new dog, it could benefit in knowing the history of the dog.

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?

No. I think this will discourage registration and be have negative effect.

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?

They will just pass the cost on to the purchasers

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

Needs to be nationally consistent

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

The ability to comply with the mandatory standards for dog breeding

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

No. Due to resources and skill sets across local government are variable.

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

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

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Police clearance

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

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Yes

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:

Dependant on size of facilities and breed of dog. Age of bitch when first litter. How many litters a bitch is allowed. Ensuring blood lines are suitable.

* 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: A Maddocks

Date: 8th August 2018

Please return this form to:

Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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