

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**.

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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

President of Gosnells Obedience Dog Club. Trainer, competitor and judge for Agility and Obedience Trials.

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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

Absolutely NOT.

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

Reason for rehoming, accurate information on any problems (behavioural or health connected)

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

That is a ridiculous idea. Pet shops are in the business of making money and whether you rename them "adoption centres" or not they will still be in contact with puppy farms to get stock. The only way people to be allowed to handle adoptions are organisations like the current ones which are run on a not for profit basis by people who make sure that prospective purchasers have the right attitude and home life for the pet being adopted.

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

I was a pet shop owner but never offered puppies or kittens for sale.

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

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

Excessive and unnecessary. The current problems are the unscrupulous people who breed crossbreeds deliberately in order to make as much money as possible without regard for any hereditary problems or temperament. If people want to de-sex their dogs that is their choice. I am especially against mandatory de-sexing of very young dogs because of the health problems this causes. I own a bitch and a dog (Shetland Sheepdogs) both of which are de-sexed, but that was my choice.

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?

Many competitive sporting dogs belong to people who, whilst they are not registered breeders, may want to have a puppy from their dog because of its outstanding ability in competition. I really cannot see any reason to take this opportunity away from owners. Working dogs are also dogs that do not necessarily belong to registered breeders and once again, a good working line is something that needs to be protected.

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

Mandatory de-sexing SHOULD NOT EXIST AT ALL!!!!

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It won't!! , and many other dog owners, already belong to an organisation with whom our dogs are registered. Doubling up on this solves nothing,

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 do not!!!! I am a responsible dog owner and I will not pay to satisfy some idiot's need for power and control.

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?

Totally unreasonable since registered Canine Association breeders are already paying fees to belong to that association, paying to have their puppies registered and are also subject to very strict rules as to how many litters a bitch can have and how often that bitch can be bred from. They don't need control freaks trying to tell There n Grandma how to suck eggs.

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

No other association organisation, department can come even close to offering the benefits of being a registered breeder with the Canine Association of WA.

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

Perhaps you would be better looking at restriction on humans breeding. Once again the Canine Association has strict rules and regulations on breeding and breeders. On the very rare occasion that someone proves to be a less than caring breeder, that person faces disaffiliation.

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

All we here from local governments is how stressed they are, under paid, over worked. Just what is the point of giving them extra responsibility on a subject that they have no experience or knowledge of, when the Canine Association of WA already exists?

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

Unsure

No

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

No.

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?

NO.

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:

CAWA breeders do NOT breed dogs for commercial gain, and that category should never be allowed to exist. Currently, breeders breed to strict breed standards in an effort to produce a dog free of disease and problems, that can be shown in the ring, or take part in performance events (Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Lure Coursing etc.,)

* 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

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Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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