



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Manchester Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	1
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 support this, I believe having puppies in store fronts encourages impulse purchasing and should be avoided. Buyers who buy a puppy on impulse are more likely to be overwhelmed by the responsibilities of a dog and are perhaps more likely to dump the puppy further down the track.</p> <p>The pet store environment is detrimental to puppy development and I do not support any dogs being kept in a pet store. I agree with “meet and greet” days where the rescues bring in their dogs to meet the public.</p> <p>The easy sale of rescue puppies in pet shops could potentially lead to litters being bred by rescue organisations to raise money. There are rumours that this already happening with some rescue organisations.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>I am strongly against mandatory de-sexing.</p> <p>I compete in Agility with my dogs and although I do not intend to breed and do eventually de-sex my animals, I will absolutely not do not support this procedure being done before at least 18 months, preferably longer, for orthopaedic reasons (allowing the growth plates to close naturally) and also other health benefits such as decreased chance of spay incontinence.</p> <p>I support people having the choice to do what they feel is in the best interest of the animal.</p> <p>I own a rare breed and I feel it is important to keep the gene pool as open as possible for healthier responsible breeding practises.</p> <p>I believe that mandatory de-sexing will only detrimentally affect those who “do the right thing”. I live in a low socio-economic area and see first-hand that people disregard laws such as these and accidental backyard litters (which make up the majority of pound animals – Staffy X types and Kelpie X types) will continue.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<p>I support a centralised registration system, but do not support local council to oversee this or to manage the registration of breeders.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>While I do support minimum standards of care, I think it is imperative that these standards do not remove puppies from breeder's homes. I believe puppies should be whelped in the home and raised in the home in order to have the best start in life. Puppies do not belong in kennel facilities.</p> <p>I believe there should be mandatory standards for transporting animals but I do not believe that flying puppies interstate should be banned. While this is a common way for puppy farms to provide puppies to Western Australia, there are many breeds that are not available in WA. Personally I have purchased puppies from QLD and Tasmania from responsible breeders. There are no breeders of my breed in WA so this was my only option. I know many responsible dog owners who have had puppies flown in from other states.</p> <p>I would support a cap on the number of puppies a breeder can send to WA (perhaps 6 per year) but I am not convinced that this would be effective as the puppy farms would likely get around it.</p>