



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Chinese Crested Dog
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	Almost 2
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 believe that any dog should be kept in a pet store. If the dogs are taken offsite at the end of the day for proper exercise and given proper attention.</p> <p>I would also like to see potential owners vetted for appropriateness for the type of dog they wish to purchase (they are buying the animal after all lets drop this adopt wording). Don't make it anyone can just walk in and leave with the dog that day.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>I do not believe that mandatory de sexing is correct. There are a number of countries where de sexing is only done for medical reasons. They do not have the issues that Australia seems to have. I am all for de sexing being encouraged for pet homes but there are many Dogswest members who compete their entire dogs but are not breeders. They would be unable to continue to compete if they had to get their animals de sexed. Due to proper management they avoid accidental litters rather than de sexing. Plus de sexing so early cannot be good for 8 week old puppies after all it is major surgery.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	<p>I do believe a centralised registration system has its benefits for returning microchipped dogs to their owners. I do believe that not everyone who owns a dog and wants puppies should be allowed to just pay a fee and become a breeder. Dogswest members for example must complete and pass a fairly extensive test to become a breeder. This includes codes of ethics. I don't think the general public should be allowed to become breeders unless they are members of Dogswest and adhere to all the codes of Ethics.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	<p>It depends on what is decided as mandatory standards for housing and husbandry. Puppies should be born in the home and be members of the family. They should not be born in concrete or dirt cages. I believe there should be things that are not acceptable eg no clean water, no bedding, clean living areas but I do not agree with rules forcing me to keep my dogs in kennels. Rules for sale are already in place by Dogswest and I believe those rules could be adapted in some way for general public eg not to be given away as prizes and not to be dumped at rescues. Transport wise I think there should be some rules like not having unrestrained dogs on the back of utes.</p>