



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Cocker Spaniel
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	4
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	<p>I don't think any dog should be sold from a retail outlet where profit and sale is the focus rather than the dog's welfare.</p> <p>A buyer should be matched to an appropriate dog to make sure they are suitable – both ways.</p> <p>Pet shops encourage impulse buying, which leads to dumping of the dog. Rescue animals often have problems – who will assess that they are suitable to re-home? They may need extra training, treatment – how can this be assured and who will support new owners in this. Dogs are damaged by being kept in shops on display yet cut off.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>This is against current advice from vets for dogs to be de-sexed before 12 months.</p> <p>This should be a decision between the owner and vet – based on best practice for the dog's welfare and long term health.</p> <p>This is not a decision that should be made because it is convenient for Council.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	<p>My concern with this is privacy – currently Council Registration works, along with micro-chipping to locate dogs. Why have an extra registration system? Who will have access to this information? I am a Dogs West breeder. I meet high standards – why should I have to be another “breeder” on a Government Register that will not hold everyone to those same standards and enforce them. We are accountable every time we act – these “breeders” won't be if dogs/puppies are sold to public, they should be registered breeders.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	<p>Only and always with the dog's welfare in mind – do not introduce rules/bureaucracy just for the sake of it.</p>