



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Breed(s)	Shetland Sheepdogs
Phone Number	
Years involved	20 years
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 am opposed to any animals being made available via Pet Shops. I do not believe it is a desirable environment and it gives rise to people buying dogs without due consideration.</p> <p>Shelters provide a valuable service to the community but I am aware that some of them are bringing dogs from isolated communities and also from interstate. This worries me as I don't believe there would be any control over possible diseases. One trainer has also told me about dogs being rescued from communities that have come to her training classes and the dogs have ringworm!!! They were released from shelters – where is their duty of care?</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>I am not against de-sexing but all the evidence I have read is contrary to what you propose and could be injurious to the health future of the dog.</p> <p>I want my pups to have time to grow up so I can assess them as to their suitability for breeding and to also have time to conduct breed health surveys which require maturity and cannot be done conclusively at early age.</p> <p>In Europe it is against the law to alter dogs (which includes sterilising them), this has not cause the problem that you claim in your paper. Europe would be a good study for you as the population is much great than ours. Dogs are included as part of the overall community and are much more socialised. Problems in dogs comes from lack of training, not from whether they have testicles, ovaries or a uterus.</p> <p>Please reconsider this part of the proposal. It is out of step with current scientific studies and your commentary is not only erroneous it is misleading.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.	<p>My dogs are registered to the nth degree, they are registered with the shire, they are registered with Dogs West, they are registered with a microchip company. You cannot seriously think they need more registration??</p> <p>At the very lease Dogs West members, who are governed by strict rules, regulations and a code of ethics should be exempted from having to register was breeders. You have said we are held in high regard, please prove that these were not hollow words. As was evident on one of the nights that you visited Dogs West, more of our members have been subjected to disciplinary action than all of the public of WA put together. I think at the Bunbury workshop it was stated by Courtney from Dept of Local Govt that 2 puppy farmers were prosecuted, in 2010. Not good enough! If Dogs West can manage their members then you need to take the Act you currently have seriously and not re-invent the wheel.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>This has me worried, a 'small writing group' are putting together this paper. Nobody from Dogs West was invited to contribute. Whatever would make you think that your 'small group' which does not contain anyone with actual experience (merit based selection pops into mind) in the field of raising dogs.</p> <p>I think you have a hidden agenda. I do not trust you to get this right. Your document is already full of misinformation and mistruths. I hope we get adequate time to discuss and provide feedback on your paper when it is ready.</p> <p>This is a really shabby way to treat people who you have said are the 'gold star' standard.</p> <p>Disgusting. I do not trust you.</p>
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