

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

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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

Yes,

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

Background information of what triggers a rescue dogs' behaviour and whether they have special needs or training is a necessity.

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

It a solution to an extensive solution as long at is regulated and people adopting dogs are aware of the dogs needs. It has to be monitored by professional dog trainers in order for dogs to go to the right homes. Spot checks may also be necessary. Adoptions should be transparent and easy to reverse if the relationship between the new owners and the rescue dog doesn't work out. – Shenton Park Dog Refuge Policy.

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

Do not own a pet shop nor operate one. They are vile business only looking to make money.

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

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

Refuges have a mandatory policy and it works well, it curbs animal behaviour and stops the animals from being abused as breeding machines.

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?

Show dogs may need to be exempt but only if necessary.

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

All dogs. If anything, existing dogs are probably being used for puppy farming.

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

Information is best kept in one place that is transparent and easily accessible. There is a lot of bad information out there having one specialised centralised system where you can go and look up reputable breeders and not have to hope that they aren't abusing their dogs would make life for dog loving owners easier rather than forever wondering whether you have helped to support an abusive industry of puppy farming.

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?

Yes. We need to do something animals should never have to suffer at the hands of greed.

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?

Yes, knowing breeders they will pass that cost onto the people buying their puppies.

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

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

Yes. People with criminal records, known animal cruelty, people who have surrendered or had their pets confiscated. People who are not suitable, health restrictions, lifestyle, age should be factors taken into consideration.

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

No, they have had the control and never done anything with it. It should be done on a state or national level as puppy farms will just change locals. State level or National level allows for more power to be concentrated on policing and monitoring puppy farmers and breeders to stop puppy farms.

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?

They must be educated in dog welfare and breeding. Diploma or Degree. They must be registered and checked before being allowed and they should have a national police check.

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?

Yes

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:

Defined number of dogs to approximately 4. Dogs should have a monitored diet and exercise routine and annual or biannual vet checks.

* 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 this form to:

Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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