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I am a dog breeder and registered with Dogs West. I fully support efforts to stop puppy farming but have major reservations about the current proposals. I do not support measures that will make it more difficult for genuine breeders of pedigree dogs, which are already regulated by the rules of Dogs West. The target should solely be puppy farms, which can be easily identified by regular checking of on-line sales sites.

I do not support mandatory sterilisation of dogs and consider this totally unnecessary. This would restrict the availability of non-pedigree dogs for the members of the community that cannot afford or do not want to purchase a pedigree dog. It will not stop puppy farming, which is likely to continue as an even more clandestine operation. Sterilisation of pet dogs could be made more attractive by increasing the fees for registration of unsterilized dogs and reducing the fees for sterilised dogs, whilst providing exemptions for registered breeders.

Requiring breeders to register with their local government will create an additional workload for local governments, whose Rangers are already stretched to capacity with a myriad of other duties.

Regards

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