



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Years involved	20
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).	No – Dogs should not be sold from shops This will increase the number of ‘underground’ dogs being bred. I believe there are not qualified people to undertake assessments of ‘rescue dogs’
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I don’t support mandatory de-sexing, it should be a personal choice made by the dog owner. If dogs are to be de-sexed then it should be at a time agreed upon by the owner in consultation with their vet and breeder. Early de-sexing can lead to a wide range of health and behaviour issues.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	My council is unlikely to allow ‘dog breeder’ registration. Many ANKC breeders live in suburbia are raise their litters in their homes. The need to have the local council approve breeders will see many councils not allowing this this and thus reducing the number of responsibly bred puppies declining. There is no need to register as a Breeder to enable the Govt to know where all the entire dogs are – My council already knows this – I pay a premium to have my dogs entire. Why should I have to the pay another licence fee (breeder) just to have entire dogs?
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I am extremely disappointed a representative from Dogs West was not involved in the drafting of these standards from the beginning. Until the details of these proposed standards are known I can’t make detailed comment. Dogs need to be kept in conditions that are suitable for their physical and mental welfare. Any proposed standards should be based on common sense.