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| Dogs owned:  | Dobermann, female 3 yrs old  |
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| <i>My thoughts on:</i><br><b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b> | <p>Shelter and rescue dogs need to be managed by skilled people and need to be housed in a safe environment. Pet Shops are not the place for shelter dogs, and in their current form, where they have other business selling retail item, and staff do not have the capacity to devote their attention to rescue dogs. Help pet shops update their businesses so that they can survive without having to sell dogs.</p>  |
| <i>My thoughts on:</i><br><b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>  | <p>Mandatory de-sexing is not going to impact on people who operate outside the law. They do what they want now and they will continue to do so. This is just forcing people to put their beloved pets through major surgery when perhaps they do not wish to or are not ready to do. People should be made aware of the consequences of this surgery, such as increased risk of joint and soft tissue damage, increased risk of some cancers, possibly shortened life span.</p> <p>My Dobermann was desexed early (before 12 Mths old and now experiences urinary incontinence as a result. She is on permanent medication for the rest of her life to alleviate the issue as a result. It is expensive. I am happy to pay for this expense and have the capacity to do so. However, I am certain that many other owners would not want the same expense Or the responsibility of managing such issues which may occur as a result of forced early desexing.</p> <p>I am am concerned for a lot of elderly dogs who will be subjected to mandatory de-sexing and will be at risk if they are undergo surgery.</p> |
| <i>My thoughts on:</i><br><b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.</b> | <p>Central Register. Why do we need this when we all register with the local government now?<br/>         Who will have access to this information?<br/>         How will my privacy be protected?<br/>         Can I opt out like I can in My Health? If not why not?<br/>         Why will it cost me more?<br/>         My dog has a life registration, what is happening in that space? I don't want to register my dog yearly.</p>  |
| <i>My thoughts on:</i><br><b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding,</b>                                     | <p>I cannot find anything written on this? Yes there should be some standards but until you write it I am not going to comment.<br/>         Why has there been no consultation on this?</p>   |

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sale.

Final thoughts:

As with other State regulation, you should be enforcing tougher penalties for people undertaking puppy farming, and greater powers to rangers and enforcement officers to search properties and charge people with offenses related to this matter.

Do not punish responsible, registered dog breeders. I purchased my current Dobermann from a registered breeder, who provides me with lifetime support for my dog and will always accept back a dog she has bred From an owner if required. Legislation should support these types of breeders.

Thank you,  
Ellissa

