



Dogs West Member Submission on  
**STOP PUPPY FARMING**



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Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Weimaraner
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	46 years
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	I DON'T AGREE THAT ANY ANIMALS SHOULD BE SOLD THROUGH PET SHOPS. HOWEVER, IF PET SHOPS ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE SELLING DOGS/PUPPIES THEN THE PET SHOP OWNER SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY THE SAME STANDARDS RE BREEDING, HOUSING, MICRO-CHIPPING ETC THAT DOGS WEST HAVE TO MEET. THE NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PURCHASER SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED BY THE VENDOR AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IF NECESSARY.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	I DO NOT AGREE WITH MANDATORY DESEXING OF DOGS/PUPPIES AS IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT IT IS NOT IN THE ANIMALS BEST INTERESTS RE THEIR FUTURE HEALTH.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	DOGS WEST MEMBERS ARE ALLREADY PART OF A STATE REGISTRY SYSTEM THROUGH THEIR OWN MEMBERSHIP AND THIS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. DOGS WEST HAVE SET VERY HIGH STANDARDS FOR THEIR BREEDERS SO ANY OTHER PERSON WANTING TO BREED SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO AS LONG AS THEY MEET THE ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF BREEDING & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AS PER THE DOGS WEST CODE OF ETHICS.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	I BELIEVE THAT BREEDERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WHELP THEIR LITTERS IN THEIR HOMES IF THEY SO DESIRE. ALTERNATIVELY, A SUITABLE WHELPING AREA SHOULD BE PROVIDED WHICH HAS ADEQUATE HEATING, GOOD VENTILATION, AND A SECURE AREA AWAY FROM OTHER DOGS.  ALL DOGS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SHELTER WHICH HAS SECURE FENCING. SHADE AND FRESH WATER SHOULD ASLO BE AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT.  TRANSPORTING OF DOGS ON THE BACK OF AN OPEN UTE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTACES.  THE SALE OF DOGS IS COVERED UNDER THE DOGS WEST CODE OF ETHICS WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE GUIDELINES FOLLOWED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.



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I would simply like to say that Dogs west should be allowed to continue as they are at present. They have demonstrated that they self-regulate successfully and that their members are subject to scrutiny should the occasion arise. They are acknowledged by Parliamentary members as having set the bar very high to such a degree that they are considered to have set a gold standard.

Accepting that this is a true reflection of Dogs west and its activities then you must determine that Dogs west will be exempt from any changes that you attempt to implement.

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