

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**.

Your contact details

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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

Rare breed enthusiast and preservationist.

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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

No, I would never purchase a Rescue dog as I wouldn't know its background, parents, health, temperament. I have always purchased health tested and sound dogs from reg breeders.

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

As Above Health tests on the parents, the dog itself, behaviour tests, by a FULLY qualified vet behaviourist, not just a 4 week course taken online.

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

I am not sure any animal in a Pet Shop is good, the logistics would all need to be clear and legal process, as in if the dog bites someone who is at fault. Who gets the money for the dog, most Rescue groups and Animal Welfare people advocate for NO ANIMALS IN PET SHOPS, why the turn around ?

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

NA

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

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

I agree with this, however having a DOGSWEST membership and show dogs who members may want to breed with after health and Temp tests, I believe DOGSWEST members should be able to apply for exemptions or be exempt to enable them to continue in their chosen hobby.

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?

DOGSWEST members show dogs (some partake in dog sports) a lot do not want to breed, but may be asked by other members to use their dog at stud to develop the breed further, breeders strive to produce better dogs to a chosen standard EVERY time. All DOGSWEST members are bound by ethics and regulations and only the very best examples are ever used.

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

I believe it should apply to all dogs who are not owned by DOGSWEST or REG breed and SPORTS club members, age appropriate desexing with people who do not intend to breed and are not prepared to health, temp test the parents should not breed.

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

I keep my name on all microchips of pups I breed anyway, so Im not sure this will affect me, but think it's a good idea for the ID of dogs, ie lost and found

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?

I think the reg fees are fair at the moment, definitely should be cheaper for desexed animals

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?

\The DOGSWEST members already pay fees to DOGSWEST, including kennel prefix fees, litter rego fees and individual puppy fees.

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

I think you need to separate DOGSWEST ANKC breeders from people who just want to breed a litter, DOGSWEST members are bound by a Code of Ethics and regulations. Hefty fines are in place for those who do not comply.

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

As a member of DOGSWEST I believe all breeders should be a member of a National REG canine control body who encourage health and temp tests and put the onus on the breeder to provide healthy and temp sound pups.

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

With help from agencies who know what Dog Breeders should provide, most council workers, welfare agencies etc have no idea of the breeding side of breeding dogs. Maybe a Vet or associated field.

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?

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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?

I can assure you I breed dogs never have I had a Commercial gain, in fact I am very much in debt, I believe commercial business (ie legalised PUPPY FARMS) should pay hefty fees maybe on the sale of each puppy

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:

Number of litters per year

* 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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