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Hi, my name is Lorraine Chandler .

I'm a member of Dogs West Number [REDACTED] I was at the workshop on the 20/06/2018.

Here are my concerns:

A. Mandatory sterilisation .

I understand "Joe Public" might not like the idea if sterilisation but overall the Vets have done a good job of promoting sterilisation at 6 months and most people will sterilise their dogs at that age .

However some breeders like myself don't agree with early sterilisation because overall it can bring mental and physical damage to the dog. Sometimes the "Dogs" stay in a puppy frame of mind their whole lives then because they don't "Have a Brain" Joe Public will sell them on or put them in a shelter where they will ultimately be euthanised. Also their bone growth and overall appearance is changed and some studies show that they are suffering and therefore have to be euthanised.

How do we get around this? Education.

Listen to breeders who say sterilise the bitches before their first season between 6-9 months and males not before 12 months. Once the hormones arrive you have a much more heathier animal and much more relaxed and settled in their "brain".

Dogs that are sold by breeders to pet people often has Joe Public sign a binding contract stating when they can be sterilised or if they are sold under "Breeders Terms" the breeder then takes responsibility of the breeding of the animal and after the dog has finished it's usefulness as a breeder they are then sterilised.

B. Instead of having an ANKC number and a recognised Government/Local Government number can all ANKC members have their membership numbers used as identification please?

C. If the proposal is to stop puppy farming why not stop the supply of puppies to pet shops? There seems an easy solution: Write a legislation that allows inspectors to go to pet shops and ask where they get their pups from and then go out and inspect the property and if the property/welfare is bad then prosecute ! it will stop it quite quickly.

D. The only way to educate Joe Public is to ADVERTISE.

Spend some money. Have education seminars. Place ad.s on T.V. , Radio, Newspapers , Social Media and any other forum available.

Joe Public will only learn from education. We have many people from other countries that haven't had our animal education.

E. Once a person is registered with the Local Council as a breeder, make sure they must let the council know when there is a litter and then an inspector can come around at 2 days after whelping and inspect the facilities and animals. Then they can come every 2 weeks if they wish.

I'm sure all legitimate breeders would appreciate the effort to have healthy and happy dogs.

Thanks, Lorraine

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