



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



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Years involved	40
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 with this – puppies should not be available through pet shops at all. Whim buying is one of the reasons dogs end up in shelters. If everyone had to think and plan before getting a puppy they would be likely to understand the needs and care involved.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	I do not agree with this. There are plenty of studies available that detail the negative effects of de-sexing especially on immature animals. Why are we not investigating countries like Sweden where they do not desex and do not have the issues with shelter dogs that a lot of other countries face. Desexing is done for the benefit of the owner not the benefit of the dog and should be a personal choice. It will definitely affect those who show dogs and those who cannot afford to live in the kennel area. These people often have to resort to putting dogs with friends and family to retain enough breeding stock and they will be severely disadvantaged under this proposal.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	This may be a good idea especially when dogs get lost or stolen. However, members of the ANKC eg Dogswest, should be exempt from this as we are already enrolled on a central registry.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	Again this poses serious problems. If you live in a kennel area you will already comply with this. If you are a home owner who has a couple of show dogs and breeds occasionally, whelping the pups in a room in the house, this could be impossible to comply with. Many councils would not allow for kennels to be built in suburban gardens and the only option for housing and breeding is to do so in the home environment. Transporting dogs is another issue. Do we all have to have the same transport conditions? What about the little old lady who takes her dog with her in her car that does not have air conditioning? Is she to be penalised for this? While it is important to care well for our pets, it is also important that there are so many regulations that owning a pet becomes untenable for many people. It could seriously disadvantage people who have to rent or are on limited incomes if they have too many rules to comply with.



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