

TRANSITIONING PET SHOPS TO ADOPTION CENTRES
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Mandatory Dog De-Sexing for Non-Breeding dogs

- Mandatory de-sexing or vasectomy should apply only to males aged between three and six months
- Dogs in the care of breeders should be able to be sold intact (not de-sexed); thereafter is the responsibility of the owner
- *2.3 Age for registration, microchipping and de-sexing Q.3* - Registration should be on sale or at three months, with the onus on the owner to advise when a dog is de-sexed, because there may be unforeseen events that arise between birth and sale of the animal
- *2.4 Additional possible exemptions from de-sexing Q.5 and 8* - Livestock working dogs and dogs held by persons registered with recognised breeding associations can be exempt from de-sexing
- *2.5 Transferring dogs Q. 11 and 12* – A pre-paid voucher should be provided by a dog breeder if a dog is not de-sexed to the value of \$200 to \$249, the pre-payment to be added to the sale price of the dog
- *2.6 Enforcement Q. 21* - Local governments are best placed to monitor compliance with de-sexing

Centralised Registration System

- *3.2 Access to centralised registration system Q.2* – I support the access matrix at page 26 of the consultation paper
- *3.7 Application and approval – dog breeder registration Q. 33 and 34* - The information to be provided by a dog breeder and to be taken into account by local governments should be as listed at page 41 of the consultation paper
- *3.7 Application and approval – dog breeder registration Q. 35* – Local governments should have the power to enter and inspect premises of a dog breeder, with consent and by appointment
- *3.7 Application and approval – dog breeder registration Q. 36* – Situations in which a local government should be able to enter and inspect a premises should be as per existing Gosnells Council regulations and on sale of a kennel property
- *3.7 Application and approval – dog breeder registration Q. 38* – Dog breeder registration should be cancelled if the dog breeder is convicted of an offence under:
 - the Dog Act, Cat Act, Animal Welfare Act, or a dog or cat local law
 - Australian Consumer Law in relation to dogs they have sold or transferred
- *3.9 Exemptions – dog breeder registration Q. 41* – Dog breeders that are members of a particular dog breeding association should be exempt from registering with the Government for reasons of cost; a breeder should have the right to choose whether they register with Government or an association
- *3.9 Exemptions – dog breeder registration Q. 42* – Recognised dog breeder associations in WA SHOULD NOT be responsible for inputting member details to the Government's dog breeder register because Dogs West cannot be trusted and is inadequately resourced

- 3.9 *Exemptions – dog breeder registration* Q. 45 – A dog breeder association can be a recognised association if it meets the following criteria:
 - privacy and confidentiality policies
 - compliance with minimum standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport or sale
 - natural justice in its dealings with members
 - no fining of members
 - ability for members to appeal to the Government registration body rather than the SAT
- 3.9 *Exemptions – dog breeder registration* Q. 46 – As a member of a dog breeder association, I DO NOT want my association to be responsible for completing my Government dog breeder registration
- 3.9 *Exemptions – dog breeder registration* Q. 47 – The membership number of a member of a recognised dog breeding association should be used as their Government dog owner number
- 3.9 *Exemptions – dog breeder registration* Q. 48 – The benefits to members of breeding associations of using their membership number as their dog owner number are:
 - creates consistency
 - ensures a dog breeder is easily identifiable in both the association's register and the Government register
 - avoids confusion on what number members should quote in advertisements for the sale of dogs
- 3.10 *Transferring a dog* Q. 53 – Local government should be responsible for prosecuting dog owners and breeders that do not comply with transfer and advertisement requirements

