



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



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<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	<p>Dogs West members are not allowed to sell or consign their dogs to any type of pet shop. The Government should follow Dogs West example and stop dogs of any age being held and sold through pet shops. Pet shops prey on the impulse buyer, they are driven by profit not the welfare of animals. There should always be a cooling off period.</p> <p>If pet shops want to help Rescues and Shelters they could display pictures of dogs from these organisations but shouldn't have the dogs in the shops</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	<p>No to this idea. It's cruel to desex dogs early as it can cause cancers and lead to ligament injuries as well as incontinence.</p> <p>No one should be force to desex their dog.</p> <p>If too many people are forced to desex their dogs there will be a shortage of supply of puppies. This will create a greater demand for the Puppy farmers puppies as these people wont desex their dogs anyway.</p> <p>People will be forced to buy puppies over the internet from other states and that may well also be supporting puppy farmers there.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	<p>I don't understand how this will help to stop puppy farmers as these people probably don't register their dogs now and this won't change this behaviour.</p> <p>As I don't believe in mandatory desexing the reason to register as a breeder therefore don't work.</p> <p>I'm not a breeder but I want to keep my dogs entire so I can show them and do performance work with them.</p> <p>What will happen if my council won't register me as a breeder?</p> <p>The 'Breeders Registry' will be a joke as most people on it won't be breeders and the Puppy Farmers won't apply.</p> <p>You are proposing to penalise the people that are currently doing the right thing</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i></p> <p><b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b></p>	<p>I thank the Dogs West team for working to get Professor Koutsantonis involved, pity it took so long for the Government to see the value in having Dogs West involved.</p> <p>I will reserve my comments on the standards until something useful is presented. I hope these will be sensible.</p>
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