



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Rottweilers and Bull Mastiffs
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	25 years +
Family involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	This should NOT be allowed – dogs should not be an impulse purchase or a store purchase. Puppies or dogs should be matched to owners and the circumstance the potential buyer with that breed, history, temperament, age and intent. They should not be ‘what ever is available”
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	DEFINITELY NOT! This legislation <u>should not</u> be put forward. Mandatory desexing can develop health issues. My puppies are sold to approved homes and under contract and a Statutory Declaration whereby they are not permitted to sterilise the animal under the age of 2 years! (Preferably not at all). This contract prevents the owners from breeding the animal. I also reserve the rights to remove the dog if they breach this contract with me. I reserve the right to repossess the animal and any resultant puppies, with costs reimbursable.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system to identify every dog and puppy.	No thanks! I already pay \$200 per year plus registration to my Association.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I already have minimum requirements under my Association which are heavily governed. Without knowing what standards will be put forward I can’t agree to this.