



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Yorkshire Terrier
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	One
Family involved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet shops should only be selling commodities that support the comfortable life of dogs. They should not be selling dogs or cats. No transition period. • I do not believe Pet Shops are the place for the selling of dogs under any circumstances. Rescue dogs can have a host of unknown past experiences and already be under stress from living in a Rescue situation. Taking that dog to another strange situation simply puts the rescue dog under even more stress and could lead to impulse buying from an inexperienced person or family.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not support mandatory dog de-sexing. I cannot see how mandatory dog de-sexing will result in reduced Puppy Farming. • If too many dogs are sterilised as a result of this law it will be very hard for the public to be able to obtain a healthy, well-bred dog from a responsible breeder because there will not be enough dogs being bred by the right type of breeders. There will still be plenty around from the Puppy Farmers because I have read that mandatory sterilisation does not stop THEM. • I fail to see how mandatory sterilisation will lower numbers in shelters if – as I have heard – dogs are being shipped in from interstate to top up numbers in some rescues when they run low. Not to designated homes – to join a shelter! • I have read that mandatory sterilisation has not effectively reduced the problem of puppy farmers anywhere in the world where it has been legislated. I have read that the Australian Veterinary Association is not in favour of mandatory sterilisation for this reason. • If this unwarranted law were to be pass, all members of Dogs West should be exempt from mandatory sterilisation, whether they are a breeder or not.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without having a true picture of who may have access to any recorded information I am unable to comment or support a view. • Until the scope and use of the proposed central registry is known I cannot comment on who should have access. However the basic principles of privacy and a valid need to know must be applied at any party being considered for access. • What safeguards will be in place to ensure the information contained in the registry will only be accessed for legitimate and approved activities? • I believe that Dogs West already does an excellent job of overseeing responsible breeding of dogs.



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would assume that these issues are already covered by animal cruelty legislation.• Dogs West already has standards for sale and transfer of dogs.
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