



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



Name	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
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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).	I am against cats and dogs being sold in pet shops as this deliberately helps fund puppy farming. Shelter dogs need to be managed by skilled people and need to be housed in a safe environment and therefore pet shops are not the place for shelter dogs.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	We live in a democracy. It is my choice whether I desex my dogs or not. I have a slow maturing breed so I want them to be fully grown before desexing which is always after 12 months of age. People need to be made aware of the consequences of surgery at a young age such as increased risk of joint and soft tissue damage and some cancers. To desex early will affect my performance dogs. Mandatory desexing is not going to impact on people who operate outside of the law and they will continue to do so. The information in the Government paper and the survey is misleading.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	I already pay to be a registered breeder and I sign a declaration that I will abide by the ANKC and Dogswest constitution, rules and regulations. I register my dogs with the council. I live in the kennel zone so that I can be a breeder. What is the council going to do for me having to register with yet another body to be a breeder. Who will have access to this information and how will my privacy be protected? Again, this is not going to impact people who operate outside the law and again those who do the right thing are being penalised.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	Why has there been no consultation on this.