



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



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Prefix or Member #	████████████████████
Breed(s)	Dobermann
Phone Number	██████████
Years involved	20+
Family involved?	<input 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).	<p>No dogs should be sold in Pet Shops</p> <p>Shelters should not be breeding establishments.</p> <p>I also believe a cooling off period should be introduced to stop impulse buying. Shelters should have the same duty of care and disclosure as registered breeders. They must have truth in advertising. If they do not know the parentage of the breed they must stipulate same. Unless they have proof of breed either through registered pedigrees or DNA then dogs should not be represented as particular breeds. Cross bred dogs must not be advertised as a mix of particular breeds unless the shelters have proof.</p> <p>Dogs West Clubs and Members offer breed specific advice and rescue to many breeds and should be accredited under any scheme as they operate within the Regulations and Code of Ethics of Dogs West</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>DO NOT SUPPORT !!! there should be no mandatory de-sexing</p> <p>I am a Dogs West, ANKC registered breeder. I have several dogs placed out in pet homes as loved companions. These dogs are still available to me to use for breeding (on breeder's terms). Under this legislation these dogs may have to be de-sexed. This will be a great loss to my breeding programme and will significantly reduce the available gene pool and affect the genetic diversity of the breed in this state.</p> <p>All Dogs West members should be exempt from mandatory de-sexing including dogs members may have in the wider community.</p> <p>Why does WA need compulsory sterilisation when biggest States do not?</p> <p>Any legislation proposed by government should be on a "no-harm" basis. Many studies show the effect of sterilisation on dogs in relation to diseases, such as cancer, behavioural issues and incorrect growth, such as elongated bones and joint disorders.</p> <p>I don't believe vouchers are a viable option- there are too many variables in the costs involved in the de-sexing of dogs. Dogs are vastly different from cats.</p> <p>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.</p>



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<p>Dogs West members should be able to retain and use their membership numbers. We are members of a well-established organisation that has a comprehensive set of rules, regulations and a Code of Ethics governing the breeding of dogs. Dogs West also actively polices and acts on breaches to these. Dogs West has a better record on acting on breaches to its regulation's etc than the Dog Act or the Cat Act for that matter.</p> <p>Many Dogs West breeder members don't live in a Kennel Area. They raise their puppies in their homes in a loving and caring environment. What will happen to these breeders when their local council refuses to register them as breeders. You are proposing legislation that will REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROPERLY BRED PUPPIES. This will reduce the supply of healthy, well raised puppies and create a greater market for farmed puppies</p> <p>Dogs West members have to go through a lengthy process to be able to process puppies. Why are we being targeted? Dogs West members are already doing the right thing and this is adding another layer of complexity and legislation to the wrong people.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>While I commend the addition of Professor Koutsantonis to the standards writing group I was disappointed as to how long that took.</p> <p>As stated above Dogs West already has strict rules and regulation's relating to breeding and welfare. Members who breach these can be heavily penalised both financially and personally.</p>