

STOP PUPPY FARMING

Public Submission Form

Please use this form to provide your feedback on the State Government's proposed methods to stop puppy farming in WA. These questions are taken from the consultation paper released by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on Thursday, 3 May 2018. The paper can be accessed at [the Department's website](#).

The information you provide will be used by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to inform policy decisions regarding stopping puppy farming in WA. If you need help completing this form, please telephone DLGSC on (08) 6551 8700 or toll free for country callers on 1800 620 511, or email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

For a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) telephone: 13 14 50. To ensure your input is considered, please return your feedback before the consultation period closes at 4pm on **Friday 3 August 2018**.

Your contact details

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Stop Puppy Farming Questions

1. Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- Dog Owner
- Dog Breeder
- Pet Shop Owner
- Pet Business – please specify below
- Local Govt. employee
- Local Govt. elected member
- Shelter organisation employee
- Shelter organisation volunteer
- Rescue group employee
- Rescue group volunteer
- Foster Carer
- Veterinarian
- Other – please specify below

Dogswest Member/ ANKC Number: 

Boarding Kennel Owner

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

2. Would you purchase a behaviour and health checked rescue dog from a pet shop?

No. A pet shop will not offer life-long support or behaviour advice to the purchaser of the dog. I would also want to know the qualifications of the person who is ascertaining the behaviour tested dog. How Furthermore, would the pet shop pay for hip and elbow testing, cardiac testing and other health issues associated with the breed.

3. What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

Reason for the dog requiring rescuing. Genetic testing, DNA testing

4. Do you think transitioning pet shops to adoption centres is beneficial?

No. A pet shop should not stock or sell dogs or cats at all. This is not the best environment for any animal. Pet shops are also places where people are prone to impulse buy. A rescue dog needs patience and care and should not be bought on impulse. Many rescue dogs go into shelters more than once, and this would happen at pet shops too.

5. If you are a pet shop owner or operator, what impact will this have on your business?

N/A

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

6. How do you feel about mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs?

I am totally against it.

7. Exemptions from mandatory de-sexing will apply for health and welfare reasons as assessed by a veterinarian, and if the dog owner is a registered breeder. Are there any other reasons why a dog should be exempt from being de-sexed?

De-sexing of dogs can cause early deaths and temperament issues. Scientific evidence is now linking cancers to the de-sexing of dogs. There are also behaviour issues associated with desexed dogs. This includes anxiety issues which can lead to dog aggression and non-social dogs

8. Should mandatory dog de-sexing apply to all dogs, including existing dogs, or just dogs born after a particular date?

Neither

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It will not. I already pay fees to belong to Dog West. As a member my dogs recognised throughout Australia and under the ANKC

10. Do you think it is reasonable to increase dog registration fees for dogs that are not de-sexed to encourage de-sexing?

Yes

Unsure

No

11. Do you support increasing dog registration fees to fund a streamlined centralised registration system and to fund enforcement activities?

No. I already pay fees to the council and fees to Dogs West. It would cause me financial stress

12. Do you think it is reasonable for dog breeders to pay an annual registration fee to cover the cost of monitoring and enforcing dog breeder compliance?

No. I already pay and annual fee to Dogs West for my breeding license.

13. Are there any other benefits, costs and/or issues associated with breeder registration that are not captured in this table? Please detail.

Will the government place rules and regulations on breeders? If so, will they interfere with the rules and regulations at Dogs West? Will there be age limits for brood bitches? How many times will they let the bitch breed? How will the council government insure that dogs that are bred from have met strict health and temperament tests?

14. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

All dogs should be recognised and registered under the ANKC and their State governing body.

15. Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

No. What expertise do the local government have in the breeding of dogs? Dogs West is best placed to decide who and who not can become breeders. To become recognised breeders, Dogs West members have to sit an exam with a pass rate in Section A of 100% and Section B 90%, and have to be members for a period greater than 12 months, to even qualify to be breeders.

Mandatory Standards for Dog Breeding, Housing, Husbandry, Transport and Sale

16. Should people who breed dogs have to comply with minimum standards for the health and welfare of their dogs?

Yes

Unsure

No

17. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

Yes, all breeders should be Dogs West Members. They should have to sit an exam with a 100% pass rate on breeding ethics, health testing, selecting the sire and dam, gestation, whelping, anatomy and care of puppies. The council/ government cannot monitor this, but Dogs West can. Therefore, only registered members of Dogs West should be able to breed dogs .

18. Should the number of litters that a bitch can produce be restricted by law?

Yes

Unsure

No

19. Should people who breed dogs for commercial gain be required to meet additional Mandatory Dog Breeding Standards?

People should not breed dogs for commercial gain. As a member of DogsWest and upon gaining a prefix I agree not to breed dogs for commercial gain, but for the purpose of bettering the breed.

20. If you said 'yes' to question 19, should this be based on:

- a) keeping a defined number of breeding dogs?
- b) if so, what number?
- c) any other criteria?

Please provide reasons:

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* Attach further documentation if required.

Confidentiality

Your submission will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website unless you ask for it to be confidential. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

Do you wish this information to remain private and confidential: Yes No

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Signature:

Date:

3/8/18

Please return this form to:

Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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