



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	I do not agree that pet shops should be able to sell rescue dogs. I feel that pet shops should not be allowed to sell any dogs at all. Rescue dogs should be assessed so that they can be matched to the right new home; and rescues should continue to rehome their dogs. Rescue dogs must not be sent to pet shops to find them new homes, as they will be very stressed and anxious and pet shops are not a good temporary home for them. Pet shops also will not spend the time to perfectly match the rescue dog with an appropriate home – they will just be happy to sell the dog for profit and won't take any responsibility for the dog once its been sold.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I am opposed to mandatory de-sexing of dogs and bitches because I am aware that there is no perfect method – all methods of sterilising dogs have some sort of 'downside'. I feel that IF a dog has to be sterilised it should only be done in consultation between the owner and their vet, and only once the dog is physically mature, that is not before the age of 2 years. I am also opposed to mandatory de-sexing of dogs owned by Dogs West members as our sport of conformation showing is based on exhibiting entire dogs, ie undesexed dogs and bitches. IF this proposal goes ahead, it will kill our sport. I feel that Dogs West members should be exempt from any such proposal.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	I believe that only owners of pure bred dogs should be allowed to breed their dogs. Dogs West members who are registered breeders with ANKC must be exempt from being forced to also register with their local government as a registered breeder. We already have to meet the highest standards of welfare for our dogs including health testing, after sales services to puppy owners etc. People who will be forced to register with their local government won't have to meet the very high standards which us Dogs West Breeders have to meet. I feel that if an owner of a pure breed dog wishes to breed the dog then they must be required to become a member of Dogs West in order to breed their dog according to Dogs West high standards.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I am very upset that the draft government standards for housing, breeding etc have not yet been made available for me to consider, and they will not be available before the close of submissions, so I cannot say anything useful at this time. The consultation process has been very poor because it is asking for my views when not all the material and proposals have been made available for me to comment on.