

## Dogs West Member Submission on STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Breed(s)	Dobermann
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Years involved	10+
Family involved?	⊠ Yes □ No
My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	Agree that stopping puppy sales from pet shops is a good idea. Don't agree with selling or giving away rescue dogs from pet shops. A shop it not the place I want to see any dog in. Shelter or rescue dogs may already be stressed from being in a different environment and then to place them in a high stress place like a pet shop is not a good idea.
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	NO.  De-sexing is a decision to be made by the owner in consultation with their vet and breeder.  Early de-sexing causes mental and physical issues in dogs.  This proposal is meant to be looking after the welfare of dogs therefore it should be on the basis of "Do No Harm". Early de-sexing is harmful.
My thoughts on: Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	A central registry may be useful helping to reunite lost dogs if the dog is in a different LGA. Though services like Pet Address enable this though the linking of the various microchip registries. The lack of details as to who may have access to the information is of concern to me.  I do not see the need for people who are not breeders, but want to keep their dogs intact, to register as a breeder. I already pay a premium because our dogs are entire, now you proposing a new fee (breeders registration) this is not fair as we are not breeders.  What will happen if my council won't approve us as 'breeder' even though we don't breed - will have to de-sex our dogs?  Dogs West members should be automatically approved or exempted.
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	As there was no real detail provided on this it is very difficult to comment.  I do hope that the experiences in other states has been taken into account and the writing party realise that there are huge differences between people who have 1 or 2 dogs and keep then in their homes and large commercial establishments.



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