

Dogs West Member Submission on STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Breed(s)	Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso
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Years involved	25
Family involved?	⊠ Yes □ No
My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	Animals do not belong in pet shops, I do not support this at all. Rescues are usually problematic dogs, therefore putting them in plastic boxes in shops is just going to add to the problem
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	I do believe dogs being sold on a limited register through should be desexed at the appropriate age for that breed. Any back yard bred dog should also be desexed at the age the vet feels is suitable, this is the main cause for rescues is people who are just breeding for the money and not caring about the dogs or the homes they end up in. Unless you are a Dogs West member, actively showing, then I agree with desexing.
My thoughts on: Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.	I do not feel that this is going to get people to register as a breeder or people to register their dogs. I feel that there are many unregistered dogs out there, so just having a register is not going to make people register as a breeder
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	As long as consultation with the appropriate agencies, which does not include RSPCA happens. Dogs West have a great code of ethics that their breeders have to adhere to, why create something new.