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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i>  <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b></p>	<p>I am against cats and dogs being sold in pet shops. I agree they should not sell puppies as this and inadvertently or deliberately helps fund Puppy Farming.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with Pet Shops being involved with the rescue/adoption of any animal.</p> <p>Shelter dogs need to be managed by skilled people and need to be housed in a safe environment. Pet Shops are not the place for shelter dogs.</p> <p>Help pet shops update their businesses so that they can survive without having to sell dogs.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i>  <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b></p>	<p>Mandatory de-sexing will not impact the people who operate outside the law. They do what they want now and they will continue to do so.</p> <p>This is just forcing people to put their beloved pets through major surgery when perhaps they do not wish to or are not ready to do. People should be made aware of the consequences of this surgery, such as increased risk of joint and soft tissue damage, increased risk of some cancers, possibly shortened life span.</p> <p>The incidence of incontinence in bitches is very high when speyed within the time frame as listed in the Government online survey. The information in the Government paper is misleading.</p> <p>I am concerned for a lot of elderly dogs who will be subjected to mandatory de-sexing and will be at risk if they are undergo surgery.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i>  <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.</b></p>	<p>Central Register. Why do we need this when we all register with the local government now?</p> <p>Who will have access to this information?</p> <p>How will my privacy be protected?</p> <p>As we already pay registration to the Local Council, why will it cost me more for a simple data transfer from the local council records?</p> <p>Councils currently have a life registration, what is happening in that space?</p> <p>Registering owners with entire dogs/bitches will compound the problem of backyard breeders/puppy farmers as they will be State sanctioned dog breeders.</p>

*My thoughts on:*

**Introduce  
mandatory  
standards for dog  
breeding, housing,  
husbandry,  
transport and sale.**

I cannot find anything written on this? Yes there should be some standards but until you write it I am not going to comment.

Why has there been no consultation on this?