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Breed(s) Border Collie, German Pinscher (I also own/run dog boarding kennel)

Years involved 33 - Dogswest member for 28 years (since the age of 16)
Family involved? Yes

My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).

I do not believe Pet Shops should sell dogs, cats or other small animals. Too much ease of an "impulse buy" and too profit driven to be able to have the long term welfare of the animals they sell as a priority.

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My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.

I do not support mandatory dog desexing for Dogswest members. We already have our own rules and code of ethics. Dogswest members are NOT responsible for the overpopulation of pounds and rescues. A quick look at these places will see most are mixed breeds - usually Staffy, Ridgeback, Mastiff, Kelpie type dogs.

Not all Dogswest members are breeders, not all entire dogs are bred from. Many just like to show or compete in dog sports as a hobby. Dogs competing in dog sports can suffer more injuries if desexed (as hormone levels change) and especially if desexed at a young age before they have finished growing.

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My thoughts on: Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.

I do not see the need to have yet another registration system. However I do support adding breeder details to the current microchipping registers.

I think non-dogswest members should have to register as a breeder when they breed a litter (not just because they own an entire dog)

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My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.

Dogswest members are already covered by a strict code of ethics so should be exempt from additional legislation.

I think there is enough regulation in the current dog act IF IT IS ENFORCED!

Some of the worst cared for dogs I have seen are owned by "loving pet

homes" Long nails, poorly kept matted coats, untreated eye problems, untreated dental problems, untreated orthopedic problems, dangerously obese etc etc. - There should be more enforcement of the current dog welfare regulations applied to ALL dog owners.

I believe there should be restrictions on the transport of dogs/puppies across the country (ie- restrict the number of animals per crate on flights) Restrict the movement of "rescue" dogs from being transported across state lines - I have recently heard of rescues flying dogs across the country? Surely this is not good for the mental health of the dog. And really if an unwanted "dog overpopulation" problem already exists in Western Australia than no more should be imported until all of the local ones have homes?