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Breed/s	Old English Sheepdog (English) Cocker Spaniel
Years involved	Old English since birth, 40 years Cockers just this year
Family involved?	Mother since a child, became a breeder in her 30's
My thoughts on Pet shops Transition Pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues)	<p>Highly against animals sold in pet shops as this fuels the sale of puppies and funds the backyard, designers and puppy farm breeders, especially as a high majority of these end up in pound, shelters and rescue homes requiring a lot of funding to look after and relying on donations to aid rehousing and the continued existence of these places.</p> <p>Pet shops are not the place for shelter/rescue animals as the need to be managed by skilled people and housed in a safe environment which a pet shop is not able to provide and may very well be where the animal came from in the first place. No one should be able to impulse buy from a pet shop. There should be a bond formed between a owner and puppy which should be monitored by a registered breeder along with education to the new owners so animals don't end up in shelters, pounds and rescue homes. There should be a record and knowledge of who and where a puppy is going and identification and tracking can be established.</p> <p>There should be a sense of ownership and responsibility which is not possible with Pet shop, designer, backyard and puppy farm breeders.</p> <p>Pet shop owners should not be earning money nor profiteering on the sale of animals. They are for pleasure and not monetary gain. They should bring joy to our lives and not line the pockets of pet shops, designer, backyard and puppy farm breeders. A Pet Shop should not be benefiting from the sale of an animal. They should be based around the sale of products for animals, guidance of maintaining animals and the providing of enjoyment and healthy lifestyle for animals as pets.</p>
My thoughts on mandatory de-sexing (Introduction of mandatory dog de-sexing)	<p>Mandatory de-sexing is not going to solve the issue of puppy farm, backyard and designer dog breeder as they're are not controlled by any member body and are operating outside the law which they will continue to do so because they are not monitored, are able to do so, not forced to obey nor have any regard of the seriousness of what they are doing currently. This will continue regardless of the laws as they will find ways around it without being able to be detected and the demand will still exist, especially if restrictions are put on registration Pure Breed members. There is nothing stopping them from purchasing breeders' licenses to get away with it and therefore not alleviating the puppies sold still ending up in pounds or rescue homes.</p> <p>Mandatory de-sexing will impact on Pure breed owners and breeders that are trying to do the right thing, forcing them to put their beloved through major unnecessary surgery that could lead to complications in life and impact on the continuation of the regulated Pure breeding of breeds that exist. You are forcing people to perform a surgery that they are not comfortable with or ready to do and possibly are unaware of the consequences of surgery increasing risks of such things as joint and soft tissue damage, some cancers and possibly a shorter life span along with a lot of elderly dogs that will be subject to mandatory de-sexing and will be subject to risks of surgery. The information in the Government paper is misleading.</p> <p>These breeds will be forced into extinction giving more power and demand to the puppy farm, designer dog and backyard breeders.</p>

	<p>You are also forcing owners to have to pay out money for de-sexing which they may be not in a position to afford, especially if they are elderly or on a fixed budget.</p> <p>It will also impact on our hobby/sport of dog showing as owners will not be able to show in the entire classes if they are forced to de-sex their beloved dog, creating a huge rise in neutered entries with only 1 overall prize available and decreasing interest as there will not be the multiple winning possibilities as there is with entire dogs. It will also not provide opportunities for new exhibitors to possibly decide to follow on the breeding to further continue the pure breed line.</p> <p>There is no point in mandatory de-sexing if there is no way of monitoring every single person with a dog therefore penalising those that are members of a regulated body trying to continue many years of existence of so many pure breeds. Many current pure breeders may be forced to buy from overseas to continue their passion, losing revenue from our Country.</p>
<p>My thoughts on central registry</p> <p>(Introduction of a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder?)</p>	<p>Central registration doesn't need to be created there just needs to be a linking to the registry of our current local government which our beloved pets are registered and paid for with, plus linking of with the microchip database that has the records of our micro chipped dogs that we have paid for and also the linking with the dog member bodies ie Dogswest across the Nation which we have paid to be members of with our Pure Breeds. This could then allow the ability to see and grant a person a breeders licences therefore eliminating further extra cost of any kind or reoccurrence of such cost and being able to continue the lifetime registration of our beloved dogs and prefixes for breeding purposes.</p> <p>By doing so it would still have to ensure that the privacy of individuals could be protected and maintained.</p>
<p>My thoughts on minimum standards of care></p> <p>(Introduction of Mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale)</p>	<p>Whilst I think there should be set standards and uniformity on such things, it should be able to available to the public to readily see, be of benefit to and coincide with our current member of Pure Breeds body and by no means be of a detriment or hindrance to our current regulations governed by this said body for all members.</p> <p>Something should be drafted up and consultation of the Pure Breed member body committee be sought and the comments, suggestions and thoughts that come from this said member body be considered seriously as they obviously have the best interest of Pure Breeds dogs and for the prevention of unregulated puppy farm, backyard and designer dogs breeders and selling of animals in pet shops.</p>