



Dogs West Member Submission on  
**STOP PUPPY FARMING**



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Years involved	45
Family involved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</b>	This is not the solution. People will still acquire a dog on the spur of the moment because they see the animal in an ad hoc visit to a shop in a shopping centre. If they have to make the effort to go to a refuge, it shows a more secure interest in finding a dog to join their family.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</b>	Sterilisation should not be mandatory for pedigreed dogs bred by and owned by members of the Canine Association of WA (Dogs West) or any recognised subsidiary of the Kennel Club of Australia. In fact no dog should be sterilised before 12-18 months of age. The harm done to immature animals sterilised early is well documented – often leading to major complications in personality development and/or to complications during senior years with urinary problems. The animal should reach sexual maturity before the decision to sterilise or not has to be made – <b>responsible ownership</b> dictates that a young animal should not be allowed to mate.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</b>	Local Council Authorities have already proved to be notoriously anti registering bona fide breeders – ie members of the Canine Association of WA – who live in their areas. Also, owning an unsterilized dog/bitch does not mean that you want to be a breeder – some of us prefer to live with an entire dog or bitch – preferring the personality or we may want to show them. I have owned entire (unsterilized) dogs in my breed for many years, and they have never mated by accident.
<i>My thoughts on:</i> <b>Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</b>	These standards should be the domain of the recognised Kennel Club division in each state (ie The Canine Association of Western Australia (DogsWest) in WA, within which dogs should only be bred to maintain numbers and/or improve the recognised breed. DogsWest registered breeders are more likely to have the good of the breed at heart, and they spend a good deal of money on their dogs and their breeding lines. Local Councils have rules and regulations that are too restrictive for most people to comply with, and they do not allow for people who just want to live with an entire dog or bitch – whether the animals is ever bred or not.