

STOP PUPPY FARMING

Public Submission Form

Please use this form to provide your feedback on the State Government's proposed methods to stop puppy farming in WA. These questions are taken from the consultation paper released by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on Thursday, 3 May 2018. The paper can be accessed at [the Department's website](#).

The information you provide will be used by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to inform policy decisions regarding stopping puppy farming in WA. If you need help completing this form, please telephone DLGSC on (08) 6551 8700 or toll free for country callers on 1800 620 511, or email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

For a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) telephone: 13 14 50. To ensure your input is considered, please return your feedback before the consultation period closes at 4pm on **Friday 3 August 2018**.

Your contact details

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Stop Puppy Farming Questions

1. Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- Dog Owner ☒
- Dog Breeder ☒
- Pet Shop Owner ☐
- Pet Business – please specify below ☐
- Local Govt. employee ☐
- Local Govt. elected member ☐
- Shelter organisation employee ☐
- Shelter organisation volunteer ☐
- Rescue group employee ☐
- Rescue group volunteer ☐
- Foster Carer ☐
- Veterinarian ☐
- Other – please specify below ☐

Dogswest Member/ ANKC Number: [REDACTED]

Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

2. Would you purchase a behaviour and health checked rescue dog from a pet shop?

No. What guarantee do you have that they are behaviour checked by an expert behaviourist? What does health checking mean? Are they tested for hereditary diseases, hip dysplasia, L2, cataracts, ataxia etc?

3. What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

What was the dog given up in the first place? Parentage? Breed? DNA and health testing?

4. Do you think transitioning pet shops to adoption centres is beneficial?

No. Definitely not. Pet shops are not a place for dogs.

5. If you are a pet shop owner or operator, what impact will this have on your business?

N/A

Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

6. How do you feel about mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs?

Definitely not?

7. Exemptions from mandatory de-sexing will apply for health and welfare reasons as assessed by a veterinarian, and if the dog owner is a registered breeder. Are there any other reasons why a dog should be exempt from being de-sexed?

I am registered breeder with Dogs West and owner and exhibitor of entire dog. As a breeder I have entire dogs placed in homes that will not be used for breeding, but I would like to exhibit them in the confirmation show ring. I would not be able to show and participate in the conformation show ring with these dogs if they were desexed. Dogs that are de-sexed are at greater risk of some cancers. Their life span is often shorter than those not desexed.

8. Should mandatory dog de-sexing apply to all dogs, including existing dogs, or just dogs born after a particular date?

Neither. I am a responsible breeder and the people I sell my dogs to are interviewed numerous times and I even inspect their property. I want the dogs I sell to have the best chances in life and be healthy and live for a long time. Mandatory de-sexing is of no benefit to my dogs.

Centralised Registration System

9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It won't t. I'm already registered with Dogs West and ANKC and have been for nearly 20 years.

10. Do you think it is reasonable to increase dog registration fees for dogs that are not de-sexed to encourage de-sexing?

Yes ☐

Unsure ☐

No ☒

11. Do you support increasing dog registration fees to fund a streamlined centralised registration system and to fund enforcement activities?

No. I already pay feed to DogWest to be a member, to register my dogs and an annual fee to be a breeder.

12. Do you think it is reasonable for dog breeders to pay an annual registration fee to cover the cost of monitoring and enforcing dog breeder compliance?

No. I already pay and annual fee to Dogs West

13. Are there any other benefits, costs and/or issues associated with breeder registration that are not captured in this table? Please detail.

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14. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

Yes, only breeders recognised and registered under the ANKC and their State governing body.

15. Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

No. The local government has limited knowledge about breeding. Dogs West is our governing authority and breeders are already under strict registrations. situation.

Mandatory Standards for Dog Breeding, Housing, Husbandry, Transport and Sale

16. Should people who breed dogs have to comply with minimum standards for the health and welfare of their dogs?

Yes ☒

Unsure ☐

No ☐

17. Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

Yes all breeders should be Dogs West Members and recognised by the ANKC

18. Should the number of litters that a bitch can produce be restricted by law?

Yes ☐

Unsure ☐

No ☒

19. Should people who breed dogs for commercial gain be required to meet additional Mandatory Dog Breeding Standards?

People should only breed to better the breed and must be Dogs West members.

20. If you said 'yes' to question 19, should this be based on:

- a) keeping a defined number of breeding dogs?
- b) if so, what number?
- c) any other criteria?

Please provide reasons:

[Click here to enter text.]

* Attach further documentation if required.

Confidentiality

Your submission will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website unless you ask for it to be confidential. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

Do you wish this information to remain private and confidential: Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature: Do not have a printer. I verig

Date:

Please return this form to:

Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018

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