

# STOP PUPPY FARMING

## Public Submission Form

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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](mailto: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**.

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## Stop Puppy Farming Questions

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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 ☐

## Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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

Yes.

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

A brief history of breed, temperament and situation that led to the puppies becoming available or surrendered.

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

Absolutely. People genuinely don't realise that backyard breeding so heavily contributes to overflowing pounds and dog euthanasia. Breeders see money making opportunities, people see cute puppies for sale. People also get caught up in the fallacy of what a "breeder" is and what a "purebred" is. They can't often differentiate the difference between a registered breeder and someone who claims to 'breed a purebred.' This in turn keeps perpetuating the cycle. At the end of the day, we need to ban the practice, rehome as many irresponsibly bred dogs as possible, educate people on what responsible breeding is and go forward with tougher regulations and restrictions to stamp out the practice entirely.

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

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

Wholeheartedly agree – however, I am conscious of de-sexing young male dogs prone to hip dysplasia too early. They require testosterone for proper development in the early years and it is for this reason I did not de-sex my male dog. At two years of age he was chemically castrated and now he is four – I am happy to castrate,

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?

As above, but that is a tricky one. The only reason I could foresee is the above – withholding for a certain age period to give the growing dog opportunity to develop properly.

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

Dogs born after a particular date. This will be the easier accepted option by the general population and create proactivity and education on the topic without enraging those who stoutly refuse to de-sex their animals.

## Centralised Registration System

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9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It won't benefit me directly, it will just make me feel happier that there are regulations in place to stamp out the occurrence of backyard breeding.

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?

If people are actually going to be prosecuted for doing the wrong thing, YES. As it stands, in my local council area – the regulations are a complete waste of time as no one is ever prosecuted or penalised and ignores the rules anyway.

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?

Yes.

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

[Click here to enter text.]

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

There needs to be some kind of background check that passes an application process or anyone could apply. Also, proof that their breeding stock are from registered lines and have undergone all necessary health checks before being able to be used.

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

No. It needs to be a Commonwealth or State Act that is actually enforced. Local government... at least my area, is completely useless. Everyone needs to get on board with this. Then cats need to be targeted exponentially harder.

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

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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?

As above. Question repeated.

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?

Absolutely. It will discourage the practice if it's not made too easy. Number of breeding dogs, proof of health/temperament records, records of prior litters, dog registration details.

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: Tari Pawlyk

Date: 04/05/2018

## Please return this form to:

**Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018**

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