

Proposed Responsible Breeding and Ownership of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Page 1: Introduction

A Proposal for a Bill to improve the health and wellbeing of dogs throughout their lives by strengthening the regulation of the activity of breeding, and of selling or transferring puppies, and by establishing a more responsible and informed approach to acquiring and owning a puppy or dog. The consultation runs from 4 May 2018 to 30 July 2018 All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: [Consultation document Privacy Notice](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

I have owned dogs all my life I believe in Christine Grahame's want to see relevant tightening of regulations Altho not my dog I did see the results of buying a puppy from a puppy farm and it was so sad to see a wee dog suffer in that way This was a King Charles Spaniel with a brain quite literally too big for its skull This resulted in small but constant seizures

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. This will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response.

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Page 8: A - Reducing the threshold for a breeding licence to three litters a year

Q1. Which of the following best describes your view of reducing the threshold for a breeding licence from five to three litters in a twelve month period?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response, including any advantages or disadvantages.

Bitches are just like women If too many babies are produced the mother either has less chance of producing healthy offspring or this causes health problems for the mother If we look at dogs / Foxes in the wild they do not breed all year long That is nature at its best

Page 9: B - Extending the breeding licence regime to any form of transfer, not only sale

Q2. Which of the following best describes your view of requiring people to be licensed as breeders even if they do not sell their puppies, but transfer them/give them away?

Fully supportive

Please give reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages.

A register gives the right to regulate It will show the people proud to show a responsible attitude and also show up those with something to hide this more usually would be bringing pups in from other countries and telling people they're from the bitch they see (Puppy Farming)

Page 10: C - Introducing a temporary registration scheme for those that breed fewer than three litters a year

Q3. Which of the following best describes your view of introducing a temporary registration scheme for those breeding one or two litters in a 12 month period who wish to sell or transfer their puppies?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages.

This would allow the regulation of people who say they only have a few pups when in fact they simply move around selling pups from puppy farms

Q4. Under the proposal, someone with only one or two litters in a 12 month period found to be selling or transferring puppies without completing an online temporary registration would be committing an offence and may be liable to pay a fine. Which of the following best describes your view on this?

Fully supportive

Please give reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages.

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Page 11: D - Ensuring future health and welfare needs of dogs through a more responsible and informed approach to acquiring and owning a puppy/dog

Q5. Which of the following best describes your view of creating an obligation on prospective owners to consider carefully a set of questions related to their capacity to take on a puppy/dog?

Fully supportive

Please give reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages.

Many see a wee German Shepherd pun and go AWWW A wonderful breed no doubt but unless you are able to be a gentle but very firm trainer these dogs may turn out to be a public nuisance If you buy a greyhound whether this dog has been trained to run or not they need distraction training to stop them praying on cats squirrels or small fluffy dogs When trained these gentle creatures are lovely pets but they need this training I could go on but the point is made Find out about breed peculiarities and traits be prepared to train your dog

Q6. Which of the following best describes your view of placing an obligation on the breeder/keeper of a dog to check that any prospective owner is aware that they should have considered these questions?

Fully supportive

Please give reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages

This should be in writing that is the only way to ensure that for instance if someone takes a rescue greyhound they should know what they are taking on Greyhounds are the subject of much publicity because of the tendency for training them for the track can be exceptionally cruel and the wastage even more so but few take

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the traits of the breed seriously

Q7. Which of the following best describes your view of obliging anyone acquiring a puppy from a breeder in Scotland to check that the breeder is licensed or registered?

Fully supportive

Please give reasons for your answer, including any advantages or disadvantages

Again this should be in writing Buying is as much of a responsibility as selling If people did not buy from roque breeders the market would dry up and save many dogs harm

Page 12: Financial impact

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Local authorities				X		
(b) Dog breeders					X	
(c) General public (including dog owners)				X		
(d) Police and animal welfare organisations					X	

Please explain the reasons for your response.

If people bought only from responsible breeders cost would reduce for # Local authorities as fewere with health problems would be abandoned and fewer hours spent trying to regulate roque breeders # Dog breeders who are now responsible would sell more pups # General public would face lower health bills for animals because they are responsibly bred # Police and organisations would spend less tring to wipe out bad breeders and regulate them

Q9. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Get tougher on kennel club and similar organisations Breeds bred to have short faces Cruel and unnecessary German Shepherds Kennel Club Registered born with awful hip scores bred into them Greyhounds with a weakness in the knuckle of the foreleg These are only a few issues that i can speak to How many more are

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their Bring into the bill a part which refuses entry to Scotland for dogs with bred in health problems Stop all tail docking (Cruel and unnecessary for any working dog)

Page 13: Equalities

Q10. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

No matter age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation dogs and animals are a perfect balance As our world should be They know no difference they see only either sense and love or cruelty they react to how they are treated so see nothing else If only people were animals

Page 14: Sustainability

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Where a few folk will lose out these are the folk who should not be making money out of animals anyway Their businesses are not what we want in Scotland so if they lose out so be it better for animals

Page 15: General

Q12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

I could not be more pleased to see this bill come forward Christine Grahame MSP well done
I would tho like to see this bill bring balance
Until we stop badly bred animals coming into Scotland and being bred in Scotland we will see no difference
We cannot regulate the Kennel Club as it is an English organisation we can say do not bring these badly bred dogs into Scotland
Dogs are being bred to fulfill sill consumer wants
Nature did not make these dogs like this humans did

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No

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Only a bill from Scottish Parliament can regulate in this way