

# 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'm a dog lover and owner with wide knowledge of the market and canine reproductive system.

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following:

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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?

Partially opposed

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

I believe the amount of litters each person would be allowed to have without the need of licence should be three. That gives a normal household plenty time to raise the litter without being overcrowded with dogs

## 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 opposed

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

This will create only more problems and more dogs will be sold through black market websites located in different countries or genuine people will be forced to give away full accidental litters to the rescue

## 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 opposed

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

The rules for the licensing are too strict. It's impossible to get a licence if you live in the City. Neighbouring issues, planning permissions, mortgage providers requiring you to change a mortgage to commercial because you run business from home. All those challenges regular people will face while trying to get licence will only encourage to black market to grow and more dogs will end up in the rescues. All the puppy mills and farmers will see an window of opportunity here because less people who own and love dogs will provide them so the demand to buy dogs will go up.

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 opposed

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

Is it better to give away the whole litter to the rescue?

## 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.**

I think every new owner should be able to ask as many questions they would like to.

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**

Every breeder should have the required knowledge and be able to demonstrate that by answering questions and by offering support

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?

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Partially supportive

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

Again I believe it will only create more issue's. I believe that instead of a licence every litter should be registered online through a website where a number would be granted and using that number a new buyer will be able to check has the litter been registered while it will give an opportunity for the governing body to keep track of the breeding done by the small hobby breeders. It will encourage people to register because it would be easier and less demanding than acquiring a licence. How it will work: 1. A hobby breeder will create an account on the website provided 2. They will have to confirm their name and address by uploading photo of I'd 3. They will have to confirm breed and amount of dogs kept in the household 4. When litter due they will go online where they will register litter with a photo confirmation, pay the processing fee and get a number granted in exchange. 5. It will be an ideal process which will allow governing body to keep track of the numbers of litters bred by each person, it will ensure prospective buyers that they do not deal with a puppy farmer and all the costs arising because of the process can be recovered in processing fees. The whole process will be easy and straightforward which will cause the blackmarket to shrink and will push puppy farms and dealers out of the market, not the small hobby breeders. Small hobby breeders are people who breed the best quality dogs in the best environment and they should be supported. Targeted group should be puppy mills and farms

## 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.**

More dogs will end up in the rescues because people won't be able to sell them legally without a licence which is extremely complicated to acquire at the present moment. Most hobby breeders will be pushed out of the market which will increase demand for dogs and encourage puppy farmers to breed even more and create new streams of black market to sell puppies illegally

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

Yes

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As I explained in the answer above instead of a licence a litter registration scheme would sort out the problem. It would be easy to do online, confirmed with Id so no scam possibility, processing fees will cover running costs, people will be encourage to use it because it will be easy and accessible which will result in puppy mills being push put the market

## 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?

Negative

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Quality dogs will be more difficult to obtain by normal working families. Hobby breeders or people with accidental litter will be forced to give away puppies to rescues which will create severe amount of stress for the dog owners, rescue and charity staff and 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?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Not without the chanel which I proposed

## Page 15: General

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

*No Response*

Q13. Could the aims of the Bill be better delivered in another way (rather than by means of a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

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The best thing to do is to create an obligation to register online and register every litter bred as I explained in previous answers