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**Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development**

Dog Standards and Guidelines Consultation

Animal Welfare Regulation

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to you today as a current client of The Holistic Hound Dog Training based in Perth, WA to oppose some of the new standards proposed in the Draft Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Dogs in WA, specifically those outlined below;*

***The flat ban on prong collars***

*S12.2 Prong collars must not be used on a dog.*

We were struggling with walking our dog, Shelby. We had tried many methods, during which we contacted Lauren from The Holistic Hound Dog Training as other methods had not been successful. We tried many tools to get my dog to walk well with, and had no control due to her lunging at people and other dogs. She actually pulled me off my feet at one stage which was getting dangerous.

So we introduced the prong collar, I was trained for many weeks with Lauren until I knew Shelby was in no way getting hurt or in danger.

We now can walk each day without fear of being pulled over or or my dog getting run over by taking off.

We now feel safe and it's a pressure tool and at no time is my dog being hurt. We use it in a gentle manner.

Highly recommended and trained correctly we now have freedom to enjoy our time together and each other.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I would be happy to substantiate the above information by answering any questions or submit further if needed as I feel so strongly about this cause.

Kind Regards,  
Tracy Shaw-Mills

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