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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please do not do this. Protections for animals are already at a minimum. Unregulated back yard breeders are a pox on the country as well as the state of Texas. The Breeder Act was well intentioned but scarcely enforced. I cannot count how many dogs/owners I have seen with in tact animals bragging about how they are having litters of new puppies. Mentioning the Breeders Act to these people their response varies from complete ignorance to disdain for the Act. These are lives at stake. I am opposed to removing this act unless one much stronger with stricter guidelines and punishments replaces it.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If Texas repeals the Breeders Act it must be replaced with one 10X as strong with stiff penalties for violation. A complete Ban on breeding in general until levels drop significantly on intakes of pets by Animal Services and Rescues should be mandatory followed by strict licensing requirements and a reporting system for unauthorized breeders as well as a comprehensive system of checks. Knowing many people involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of these animals I'm positive that a volunteer force could be staffed in a matter of days to oversee a program like this. Unregulated breeding is a detriment to the community at large and must be curtailed. It's an injustice to the animals themselves and the people who love them. In addition these pets should be removed from the strict property definition they maintain now and be given rights to live their lives with dignity, safety and proper care.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree