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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Nancy

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Title:

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City: Cypress Harris County

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a regular foster for several local rescue organizations, I know first hand the multitude of ways in which puppy mill breeders suffer. It is soul destroying to see how broken they are, physically and emotionally, if they are fortunate enough to be saved from that life. The existing laws protecting them are grossly inadequate. I can't imagine making them, or any of the paltry protections in existence go away. Our commerce over compassion way of life in America has devastating consequences. It is time to make these 'greeders' take responsibility for the years of suffering their animals endure, not give them a golden ticket to self-regulate.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Greater Houston area alone takes over 85,000 animals in any given year. Tens of thousands more suffer on our streets. Why are pet stores allowed to sell breeder puppies, from severely neglected parent mill dogs, when our shelters euthanize so many healthy pets each year? Many states have outlawed it in favor of carrying shelter pets instead. I applaud that.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree