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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Michelle

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Title: Disgusted private citizen

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Pasadena

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Abolishing this law would be opposite of the direction Texas should be concerning animal welfare. When I moved here from Missouri, I never imagined Texas could be worse for animal welfare than my home state-the puppy mill capital of the US. Currently, despite thousands of animals being shipped out of Texas every month to rescue partners in states all over the United States, thousands more companion animals are killed in shelters or die hideous deaths on the streets of every city in this state because there simply aren't enough decent homes to take them in as pets. Meanwhile, breeders - both "professional" and back-yard breeders pump out more animals that will ultimately find their way to the same fate as those being killed or shipped away. Our "shelter" system is already overburdened and despite their inadequacy in accomplishing their expected mission, millions of dollars are spent trying to make a difference for animals in this state, Why would you consider eliminating any of the few laws that now exist to regulate further influx of animals?!?! You should be strengthening AND ENFORCING this law as well as writing more laws to make life better for companion and livestock animals in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: You should be protecting animals by maintaining, enforcing, and writing new laws that improve animal welfare in this state.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree