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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

The industry of breeding dogs and cats needs much better "industrial standards" and a method of policing bad breeders. The abolishment of a Licensed Breeder Program would only set things back even further. Some of the worst cases of "backyard breeders" come from my part of the State - East Texas. We are going backwards if we take away what little standards are in place.

Puppies and kittens are used to "pay the bills in East Texas. Then the unhealthy, worn out adults are dumped in rural areas when no longer "productive". The conditions are horrific in these settings and I see them over and over again in Van Zandt County (home of Dog Alley) - Wood County - Smith County - Cherokee County and beyond. All of which call on the SPCA of East Texas for help. We are simply over run with reports of neglect.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As with most industries in our society, there are uniform standards for the health and safety of humans. There are dedicated agencies to ensuring everything from food, child care, automobiles, airplanes etc. are safe for our society.

Until animals and their safety and the risk they post to humans rises to this level of accountability AND we stop expecting police and animal shelters to enforce these standards - Our society is always going to have an ongoing, embarrassing, bleak, inhumane reputation for the way we treat our animals.

Deborah Tittle Dobbs, President - SPCA of East Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree