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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am an animal advocate for rescues all over the world from Turkey to India to Africa and I have to say that Texas is know world wide from social media for the conditions of the shelters and the untrained and barbaric management! The amount stray animals that are roaming all over Texas is horrific compared to even third world countries I deal with! Criminals and this is what is breeding animal illegally for nefarious things! Texas NEEDS to get the existing population under control NOW! Taking away licensing will allow criminals to breed the life out of females and then DUMP them! Thus continuing the cycle of strays to shelter to euthanasia! This is a regular occurrence and if you deny this is happening then you are just as culpable for the lives and pain these animals go thru!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Shelter staff need to be trained in the new methods of evaluating animals they old way animal behaviorist method of evaluating is seriously flawed and needs to end! Dogs thrown into a small confined noisy environment will show stress above and beyond a normal home environment and of course they lash out or act stressed and these behaviors are then deemed as not adoptable by old outdated and in fact just plain lack of common sense rules! This makes them much harder to get adopted and in fact they are NOT adoptable they are labeled RESCUE ONLY by the few select approved rescues?? We are the only country in the world that regularly Kills our beautiful companions and then throws them out like trash! Or animals that do live on the streets are treated like trash! Shot at, stoned or killed for fun or plain starve to death! Turkey for example has MILLION of stray dogs all over the country and they are fed and given medical care by the citizens. There is many volunteers in Turkey that provide food and care every day and they live on the streets but many are cared for lovingly!

The stray population and overcrowding of shelters is not a problem of not enough homes or the standard answer of overpopulation!

It's a problem of compassionate people working to really find homes for animals anywhere and if that means shipping to another state or even another part of the state then is should be allowed! These shelters only allow certain rescues and are confined to such small geographical area that this formula does not produce good outcomes and ends in death! Allow the area to be anywhere and allow any qualified rescue in the country to pull from a shelter and get rid of the behaviorist model it is a death sentence and nobody see this! The No Kill Advocacy Center has

proven better evaluation methods that work they are all spelled out with readymade forms and all please look at this site and learn! <https://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/>

Then there must be stricter laws and guidelines for breeders, not less! They should all have to be on a national database and EVERY dog they breed must be accounted for and chipped! This included any puppy born no matter the condition! They should not be allowed to kill or let die the ones they feel they cannot sell! This is a regular process in puppy mills! They must be accountable for the amount of times an animal is bred and this should be limited and they should be able to be adoptable afterwards. All adult animals used in breeding must be chipped and well cared for! Must have adequate space and exercise and food and medical care and all these records should be kept for an accreditation process and reviewed at set intervals of time They must have some sort of accreditation process to even be able to apply for a license period! And this must an ongoing accreditation like healthcare goes thru to keep and continually improve the standards for the LIVES they are responsible for! There should be a cost associated for accreditation thus deterring fly by night breeders and hefty fines for breeders in violation! These are lives of feeling, loving and compassionate animals! We should be doing more for them and they deserved better!

Third I feel there should be a national push on chipping all companion animals and the owners names should be registered on a national database. If a chipped animal is found it will be easier to locate the owner and the owner is responsible to update the information and even if the ownership has changed. If the info is wrong there should be consequences to the original owner, like not allowing animal ownership, suspension or banned from ownership ever again! If animal is dumped the owner should be banned from EVER having an animal again! If the animal is hurt or killed the original owner should be banned for life of any animal ownership and a chip will help track the perpetrator for prosecution! All this info would be in the national database for every rescue, shelter, vet or anybody with access. Having a national database should help curb many animals who are dump, hurt or killed! Again, they deserve basic protection of life!

Thank You,

Jill Duda

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree