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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:06 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: Beth

Last Name: Flowers

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Spring

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose ending the Licensed Breeders Program. I have commented before, but have these additional comments. My husband and I have fostered so many awesome dog and cats (over 130 total) that have come from the Harris County Animal Shelter and BARC in Houston. Many are transported to rescues out of state and many people in those states ask what Texas is doing to solve the problem with pet overpopulation. Eventually, they will tire of helping us. With all of the help from around the US, we still can not save all of the healthy animals in Texas shelters. We don't need more animals in Texas shelters or abandon animals left to fend for themselves. I wish that I could provide photos of some of the dogs that we have fostered. Many came to the shelters a mess, but after being loved and cared for in foster care, were stunning. Even our own dog, a Belgian Malinois, was in horrible shape and was likely going to be euthanized at the shelter until we adopted him. Once he got love and care, he became a show stopper and still is four years later.

There are just so many awesome dogs like him that don't get a chance. We don't need more dogs being breed in Texas or being brought to our state to be sold. We need to save the stunning and awesome dogs (and cats) that are already in our Texas shelters.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep this law in place and strengthen it as recommended by the Texas Humane Legislative Network. Since Texans spend so much on caring for abandon animals, it would help if people from other states were not allowed to bring their dogs here to sale at places such as Canton, Texas. If you would like to see photos of some of our foster dogs that came from Houston area shelters, please contact me and I will be happy to provide the photos. I would even be happy to sign an affidavit verifying that these dogs did indeed come from Houston area shelters.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree