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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

I am opposed to the recommendation to repealing the Texas Dog & Cat Breeder Program. This program is very important in helping with unscrupulous breeders that abuse and neglect the animals for a profit. I believe if the program is removed, there will be an increase in the number of bad puppy mill breeders. As a volunteer with several rescue organizations, I have seen first hand the horrible conditions these poor animals have lived in and the abuse they have endured.

Stacie Flowers
THLN Ambassador

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Strengthen the program by removing the unenforceable requirements with the following:

1. Removing the number of sales of puppies and kittens per year.
2. Decrease the number of breeding females from 11 to 5.

I understand the expense of the Texas Dog & Cat Breeder Program is costly and I believe the cost is worth it when it comes to helping prevent animal cruelty. Below are a couple of ideas that could possibly help with the cost to run the program.

1. Increase the cost of the license.
2. Fine the breeders operating without a license.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree