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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:

Regarding TX Dog and Cat Breeder Program: Please DO NOT repeal this legislation. Improve it, tweak it, try something different until it can be better enforced. Please do not leave Texas without regulation of unscrupulous, irresponsible, neglectful breeders.

What kind of example are we setting for our children? That its OK for people to raise dogs in hideous, cruel conditions because they're only dogs? Not to mention the fact that the puppies/kittens that come from these places are always sick and need medical attention.

What I hear law enforcement and veterinarians say over and over again is that there are way too homeless dogs and cats.

Curbing the willful, irresponsible breeding of dogs/cats is imperative.

Surely Texas can work this out and do the right thing for animals that have no choice or no voice.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Inspections are paramount. Any legitimate breeder would not mind inspection prior to being licensed, nor after.

Does the Health Dept. give a permit to restaurants without a prior inspection? Do we get a drivers license before taking a test to determine that we care careful drivers? From a health aspect, it seems to me the public deserves to have breeding regulated so that the consumer doesn't come home with a sick animal - a Lemon Law for puppy/kitty sales.

Uvalde has outlawed sales of animals on the street. Since then, several puppy mill vans have been run off and have not returned.

Too bad that can't be a state law...just sayin'.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree