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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Betty

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Organization you are affiliated with: My choice is to not be affiliated with ANY organization.

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State: Texas

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

Companion animals bring so much unconditional love, devotion and loyalty they deserve to be treated with proper health care, plenty of good food, fresh clean water, attention and affection and NOT kept in cages for years until no longer a money maker...The above description is NOT what they receive in a puppy mill...I support tight reigns be administered by a commission of the State of Texas to all breeders of all breeds.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

RECOMMENDATION: A new concept for a program devoted to offering spays and neuters is needed in all states in the USA. Our State of Texas can be the leader since we are, who we are. If it takes FREE services then so be it, the reason being, millions of companion animals are killed every year, I repeat EVERY year and that is a shameful report for those of us who call ourselves "human beings"...to excuse away the idea of "FREE" is to say we do not understand the cost of sometimes having to catch and control the animal but receiving the animal, housing it for a while, feeding it while in captivity, cleaning the cages, etc...not to mention the cost of killing them as opposed to offering FREE spays and neuters.

Another thought along this line could be harsher punishments for those persons who dump unwanted pups and kittens and are caught, convicted, fined and put in jail for a period of time. Fine the perpetrator to a degree that will cover the cost of the aforementioned process...Going unpunished achieves nothing toward stopping this cruel act from happening repeatedly.

Another program could be an interesting, unique way of helping qualifying animal rescues raise funds to support themselves. These groups take on the care and feeding of these unwanted animals...Stopping the tremendous need for rescues or millions of deaths of animals goes back to the first idea I submitted.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree