From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Judith

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

I oppose the Staff recommendation to do away with the regulations governing Breeders! The changes that need to be made are a tightening of the regulations such as DECREASING the number of "breeding" females from eleven (11) to give (5) or PREFERABLE LESS!

I am a private citizen who cares deeply about the animal suffering I see. My home is constantly full of animals who have been abandoned--puppies, kittens, pregnant females, old dogs, etc. I end up paying for their food, medical care, spay/neuter...

While I get great joy from having these animals in my life, it is taxing financially and emotionally when there is one I can't save. And, there are so very many who never make it to a home where they are appreciated and loved for the personalities and love they are.

Texas is full of people who get infatuated with puppies and kittens, but shirk their responsibility to provide lifelong care for their companion animals and fail to have them spayed or neutered and/or dump them.

Many of the "Breeders"--professional and backyard--take advantage of these immature people and create great suffering for the animals and those who step up and try to help.

I FOR ONE AM SICK AND TIRED OF THE IRRESPONSIBILITY OF OUR AGENCIES WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO HELP SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, BUT EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM FOR RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE!!!

IT IS TIME TO PROTECT THE ABUSED RATHER THAN THOSE WHO ABUSE OTHERS FOR PERSONAL GAIN!!!

Our homes and shelters are full of expensive "pure bred" animals as well as mutts. It is immoral to promote a society that sees helpless, loving beings as disposables, whose only value is monetary for the few who profit at

everyone else's expense--if you are not ashamed, you should be!

I ask that you make breeding/selling animals much more difficult and COSTLY!

## THANK YOU

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Reduce the number of "breeding" females to give (5) OR LESS for the breeder to fall under the control of the supervising agency.

Increase the COST for licensing and supervision of the facilities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree