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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov [<mailto:sunset@sunset.texas.gov>] On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:37 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: Randal

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Title: President

Organization you are affiliated with: K-9 ANGELS Rescue

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

I OPPOSE the Sunset Staff recommendation to abolish the Licensed Breeders Program. The last thing my community of Houston and Harris County needs are more unregulated puppy mills that contribute a huge number of dogs to our already overwhelmed Animal Welfare system. Our public shelters are overfilled and costing taxpayers millions of dollars. Non profit rescues such as ours spend >\$600,000 and thousands of man hours each year providing free spay neuter services and rescuing animals. Abolishing the Licensed Breeder Program will make our work more futile than it is now so a small number of people can profit off of illicit animal breeding. Just last weekend I was at a local Tractor Supply store and there were five families in the parking lot with their for sale dogs in cages in near 100 degree heat. They had pit bulls, Chihuahuas and Maltipoos for sale. This needs to stop!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Common sense indicates that we should be strengthening our regulations against illicit dog breeding until such time as we are not experiencing an unwanted animal crisis in our communities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree