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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Licensed Breeder Program needs to remain in Texas. Otherwise, our state will open territory for puppy mills. These puppy mills breed for quantity and not quality. Their breeding dogs live in deplorable conditions and are disposed of once they become unable to breed. Mothers give birth to litters if sickly puppies.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Any breeder who advertises sale of puppies by any public means, i.e. internet, newspaper, yard sign, etc., should be required to have a license which requires at least a yearly inspection of their facility before their license is renewed. I'm quite sure most local vets in areas would be glad to donate their time to do inspections. Many already donate their time for spay/neuter programs in their areas. Don't let Texas become a puppy mill state like Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and others.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree