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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:

I have a puppy mill rescue dog. Scout never had a puppy life. She spent her entire first year in an extremely small enclosure with pea gravel. She never had a toy, stepped on the grass, or had a kind word. I know she didn't have a kind word because the puppy miller registered her name with AKC as "Perfidy." Her littermates had similar ugly hateful names. Most people see puppies and say aww! Puppy millers see puppies as crops and just say ugh.

The puppy mill was raising my dog to be sold for thousands of dollars. They chipped her for inventory purposes, but she never had one single shot or medication until the day before a rescue came to pick her. I know because I have her medical record. If she was not worth a shot to prevent a very common fatal illness like Parvo, then you see what she was worth to the puppy mill. The puppies are farmed, but farmers take better care of their crops.

Scout's trainer said she was the bravest dog she ever met, because no matter the frightening situation, new person or new toy, she would take a step toward it before turning away and running. Most of my friends only knew Scout by her cute little backside as she scooted around a corner and out of the room. It took over a year, but my little Scout learned not to run from people. It took two years, but now I have the opposite problem. She jumps on people and I don't even care!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Puppy mills need more oversight, not less. They don't see dogs the way the rest of us do, so it is our job to keep an eye on them.

Puppy Mills are selling puppies as 100% purebred for a premium to be pets, show dogs, or bred. My Scout was being sold as 100% Norwich, but a DNA test shows she is 1/4 Cairn. She does not qualify to be shown or registered with the AKC. Someone who bought her would have been defrauded of thousands. A purebred Norwich Terrier can sell for \$4,000. More oversight is needed to quell this common practice.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree