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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I implore you all to consider some changes to how we view breeding of pet type stock in our beautiful state. Texas is regarded by many other states as backwards, with little protection for the animals we have be duly appointed to protect. It would not only make us innovative in the field of pet protection to implement these changes, but would also make the country and the world see that Texas leads in more than manufacturing and agriculture. I suggest lowering the breeding female number threshold to between 3 to 7 animals, I have seen 5 suggested primarily, but the 11 we have now as our threshold is much too high. I believe 3 would be optimal, but if we can reduce it to even 7, we would see a difference in how we are regarded.

I also believe that we need to encourage better husbandry for breeders, with licensing, inspection, and yearly, possibly every two years, veterinary inspection of breeding animals. I believe these two provisions will be beneficial to our reputation and our animals in our state. Thank you for aiding our pets.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: To continue to aid animals and prevent cruelty.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree