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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: The Texas Licensed Breeders Program is designed to prevent animal cruelty before it happens. The program prevents breeders with a history of animal cruelty from becoming licensed in Texas. This is a very needed preventive to stop cruelty before it can start. With this program, large scale breeding operations are inspected before they are licensed. This saves on costly large scale seizures of puppy mill operations. Without this program there is no way to ensure basic standards of care in large scale breeding facilities. That basic care would include shelter, water, food and medical treatment. This program would help guarantee a basic quality of life for the dogs and cats in breeding facilities. I believe most Texans want this guarantee for these animals. The program also serves as a tool for citizens who want to make an informed decision about a breeder before buying a pup or kitten from them.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: A breeder must possess 11 or more adult intact female animals to be subject to license. A breeder with less than 11 female animals may never be inspected. We would recommend the number be lowered to 5 breeding females. Also, remove the requirement that breeders selling 20 puppies/kittens or more per year be licensed. It's hard for inspectors to determine if an unlicensed breeder is being truthful about sales numbers. Many sales are cash transactions and hard to track. It's difficult to determine whether a breeder should have a license and be inspected.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree