

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Trisha Linebarger](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:54:02 PM

From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov [<mailto:sunset@sunset.texas.gov>] On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 3:52 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: Jennifer

Last Name: Pallanich

Title: Animal Care Specialist

Organization you are affiliated with: Friends For Life

Email: jenniferp@friends4life.org

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

Because I work in an animal shelter, I am aware of the huge volume of dogs either surrendered or separated from their families who enter the shelter system in Texas. The incoming supply to direct intake facilities vastly exceeds their outgoing adoption numbers and the number of animals that can be pulled from those intake facilities and placed in other animal rescue programs. Due to space restraints, many of the animals taken into direct intake shelters are subsequently euthanized. The supply of dogs coming into these programs is high enough without the contribution puppy mills make to the state's dog population.

Further, many puppy mills do not adequately care for the mama pups, and cruel practices are common. These cruel practices can result in behavioral issues in the puppies that are adopted out into the world, and these behavioral issues can manifest in the forms of bites and other safety hazards.

The time has come to strengthen the laws the state of Texas has in place regarding breeding programs.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please strengthen the existing laws. Widen the scope. Do not allow cruel puppy mill practices to continue.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree