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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:
OPPOSE DEFUNDING COMMERCIAL DOG AND CAT BREEDER ACT OF 2011

Good Afternoon,

As a THLN volunteer as well as a hands on volunteer of animal cruelty teams of three organizations I have 'seen smelled lived' the egregious side of unsavory dog and cat breeders dozens of times. The number of animals seized per case and the number of cruelty investigations opened- particularly before the Commercial Dog and Cat Breeder Act was passed in 2011 is significant.

The enormous costs of LEO involvement, animal welfare organizations who take on the burden /expense of caring for and housing

animals removed from properties as a result of animal cruelty seizure warrants will rise expeditiously if the Act is defunded. Rather than defund, mandates strengthening humane requirements and reducing the 'baseline' from 11 to 5 breeding females will significantly increase the number of breeders (and inspection, fines, licensing fees) required to pass an inspection to receive a License to operate legally. In addition, the 'loophole' where by the breeder is required to produce documentation 25 puppies/kittens were sold over a years time should be removed from the Act.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: OPPOSE Defunding.

Recommend removing loophole regarding 'proof of sale' of 25 animals yearly.

Amend the Act to require breeders with 5 or more breeding females pass inspection/obtain a license to operate legally. It will also create a better tool for consumers seeking to validate 'responsible' breeder hearsay when considering making a purchase.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree