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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: Why would any reasonable person backtrack on prior legislation that was essential. Indeed, the present law needs to be tightened up per the Texas Humane Legislative Network suggestions. Back in the 1990s, Germany passed very good animal welfare legislation, only later to relax the requirements. Going backward has caused a resurgence of homeless and stray dogs in a country that had been known for outstanding animal welfare and control. You must remember that the "control" aspect means that our neighborhoods are more safe, both from starving homeless animals and subsequent attacks on humans, but also from the spread of diseases. If COVID-19 has taught us nothing, let it teach us that our interactions with other animals can be, and likely will be, the downfall of homo sapiens. Act wisely, as God directed, for all life ... and all life will benefit.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep going with implementation and enforcement of present legislative strictures. Your work is not unappreciated ... particularly since you have not the staff to completely carry out your mandate. New recommendation: more money budgeted and more field staff.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree