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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: Please do not repeal the breeder law, strengthen it by closing the loopholes from 11 breeders to five and removing the sales requirement.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have been working in the animal services field for more than 20 years and I have seen first-hand the effects of puppy mills gone bad. Not all breeders are bad but if we don't hold them all to the same standards then we see puppy mill warrants served like we did when we seized 547 dogs from one property in deplorable conditions. Over 200 cats in a devastating environment. The law should also apply to breeders of small and furry animals such as guinea pigs and chinchillas. We have to do something to protect the animals and the tax payers dollars when Animal Services has to intervene when it goes bad.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree