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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: What is a Puppy Mill? It is a large scale commercial breeding facility where dogs live in cramped, filthy cages 24-7 and are bred repeatedly producing puppies to be sold in pet stores and on-line. A single facility may house as few as few as 100 dogs or as many as 800. Most are approved and licensed by the USDA because dogs are legally classified as "Livestock". This is abusive and insane to let these dogs and cats live in deplorable conditions and the breeders don't care as long as they produce.

When they can't produce any more, they are usually disposed of, either sent to auctions or killed. Very inhumane and they need to be stopped. Breeders don't care about the suffering these poor dogs and cats endure. Imagine living in your own feces in cramped cages, never stepping foot on grass or getting a hug or decent food, fresh water. These are some of the horrible conditions that these animals endure and it is disgusting. Those puppies that end up in pet stores, are usually very sick and it has been documented that a lot of them die with no recourse for the buyers because the pet stores don't stand behind anything. Please adopt new policies to shut them down and stop the inhumane treatment that these animals are enduring on a daily basis.

We need more inspectors that will enforce the laws and hold these breeders accountable.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Hold breeders accountable and shut them down for inhumane treatment.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree