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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I strongly oppose the Sunset Staff recommendation to abolish the Licensed Breeders Program. I am an attorney in Fort Worth specializing in animal law. Prior to enactment of the Licensed Breeders Program, I regularly received calls from consumers who had purchased sick, diseased and dying pets from breeders. Since the program began, the only such calls I have received have been from people who purchased pets from unregulated breeders. The Licensed Breeders Program has protected countless consumers from being victimized by unscrupulous breeders. Did the Sunset Staff bother to talk to any attorneys or judges who litigate these cases?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Abolishing the program will result in more consumers being victimized by unscrupulous breeders and more lawsuits. Please keep the program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Elizabeth Jones](#)
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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: As an attorney who has been practicing animal law in Texas for 40 years I must respectfully disagree with the staff recommendation that the Texas Dog or Cat Breeder Act could be safely eliminated because it is not necessary to protect the public. Prior to the passage of that statute in 2011 I received literally dozens of calls each year from consumers who had purchased diseased, unhealthy, or otherwise defective dogs and cats from breeders. These consumers often had to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars for veterinary treatment. Sadly, the animals died in a number of these cases. Since the passage of the statute the only such calls I have received have been from consumers who purchased dogs and cats from unregulated breeders (those with fewer than 11 breeding females or who sell fewer than 20 animals per year.) In the 8 years since the statute has been on the books I have not received a single call or complaint from a consumer who purchased an animal from a licensed breeder. In my experience, the Dog or Cat Breeder Act has clearly protected Texas consumers from unscrupulous breeders that are not subject to the Act or the minimum TDLR standards. In my opinion, there is a desperate need for the Act to be expanded so that the sales requirement is eliminated altogether and the number of breeding females is reduced from 11 to 5.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Amend the Act so that it applies to breeders with 5 or more breeding females. Also, eliminate the requirement that the animals be sold.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree