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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 am violently opposed to any legislation that allows for unlicensed puppy and kitten breeding to exist in the state of Texas. As an animal rescue organization, we have taken in puppies (and kittens) who are the product of these horrid places--puppies with two legs--babies who would have been destroyed if we had not stepped up to take them. That disreputable people are allowed to create this suffering only for their own profit is horrendous!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Monitoring and licensing breeders is only the second best alternative. The best alternative is to outlaw the breeding of pets altogether, as there are so many dying in municipal shelters simply because the influx is faster than the shelters can manage. Instead, we need free spay/neuter clinics and a nationwide campaign to spay/neuter every companion animal. Don't worry--we won't run out in the lifetime of anyone old enough to read this, or their great grandchildren. That's how many are breeding uncontrollably on their own. We've used killing them in shelters for over 100 years and that hasn't worked either.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree