

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:50 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments on Licensed Breeder Rules

Hello TDLR,

Sending comments about the minimum standards of care for animals living in large scale commercial breeder facilities.

In short, animals kept in confinement for the purpose of breeding offspring for commercial sale should at least be given a comfortable environment to live within.

- Dogs should be given MORE ROOM within their enclosure (at least double the current standard) so they can at least turn around
- Dogs should not be exposed to extreme temperatures and facilities should be between 50 and 90 degrees
- Dogs should not have to live in WIRE or WIRE MESH floor enclosures due to the discomfort and filth they cause
- Dogs should not live in STACKED CAGES for a variety of reasons including instability and poor sanitation of spills and excrement
- Dogs should be given adequate VETERINARY CARE for any medical issues
- Dogs should be RETIRED FROM BREEDING after 3 years

Having witnessed improper animal care in a large scale breeding facility in recent years, I ask for the minimum standards of care to be improved for the well-being of the animals forced to endure a life of confinement and isolation in large breeding facilities.

Thank you.

Regards,
Pam

Pamela (Duffy) Boich
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Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:07 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Regarding the Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451)

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely. Maintaining this regulatory function is unnecessary. The biased Breeder Advisory Committee should also be disbanded.

Sharon Lee

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:02 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas puppy mills

From my comment:

I want to thank the field investigators and prosecutors at TDLR who are professional, fair and risk their safety while being threatened with guns while inspecting commercial breeding facilities in extremely rural areas. I will never forget the picture at the TDLR presentation from a surprise inspection. Four puppies trying to get milk from their dead mother while two others lay decomposing is vital evidence that demonstrates how badly not only for the need for this law but that it is indeed working.

They need a voice!

Renee Perkins
Sent from my iPhone

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:33 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

Please strengthen existing regulations in the following manner:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Kelly

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:27 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: Kara Montiel
Subject: Please strengthen Puppy Mill Standards!

Good evening!

My name is Kara Montiel, and I am writing today to urge you to strengthen the Licensed Breeder Laws and all standards by which breeding facilities are held accountable for the care and keeping of animals. My interest in this matter is two-fold: on a personal level, as I am a lifelong avid animal lover and welfare advocate, but also on a professional level, as Manager and Local Rabies Control Authority for a mid-sized City in Central Texas. I see first hand, the conditions of these facilities and the hazards of failing to create standards are strong and specific enough to hold these facilities accountable - they must require accommodations and living conditions that are sanitary and clean, as well as provide comfortable living conditions that will promote not only physical health, but mental health as well. Animals can no longer be treated as simply a commodity.

Below are some key points to consider:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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I urge you consider the above and thank you for taking time to read this request.

Thank your the work you do!

Kara J Montiel
Hays County Resident

Kara J Montiel | Animal Services Manager

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Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:14 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: stronger Licensed Breeders rules please

Good evening!

I would like to ask you to please help make the Licensed Breeder rule stronger and more humane for the animals.

Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. The golden rule should apply in my opinion. No human would want to be left outside in those temperatures, so no animal should be either.

I'd also like to see more regulation space required for the animals. The minimum space should at least be doubled and would love to see you adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered.

The poor animals should not be forced to stand or lie down 24/7 on wire or mesh. It can cause horrible longterm damage and is completely unsanitary. They should also not be stacked on top of each other in cages or pens. This is dangerous for many reasons.

These animals have no choice but to be brought into the Breeder world, so they should be treated with kindness and respect....as you would a child. I appreciate you taking the time read this email. My best to you.

Enjoy the day.
-Jeremiah Evans-Vargas

Pauline Easley

From: Julie Young, the Wallpaper Lady [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:26 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Repeal Dog & Cat Breeder Law HB 1451

From Julie Young
2117 Stanford,
Houston, TX 77006

Please support Responsible Pet Owners Alliance's Position:
The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely or administration transferred under the Texas Department of Agriculture. The biased Breeder Advisory Committee must be abolished!
This is TDLR's only "animal" program. TDLR admits they have no animal expertise and depend on their biased Breeder Advisory Committee for guidance. Oklahoma transferred their Pet Breeder Program to be under Oklahoma Agriculture Department in 2012 and abolished their Breeder Advisory Committee for the same reasons we face in Texas.

American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club show/hobby breeders and exhibitors are caught in the "animal rights" net as TDLR has ruled these breeders are NOT exempt under the "Performance Dog" exemption. This new law was always meant to "eliminate" -- not "regulate" dog and cat breeders.
TDLR enforcement of the misnamed "Puppy Mill" Bill (HB 1451) began September 1, 2012 and is a disaster less than 4 years later.

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:41 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

Dear Ms. Easley,

As a Texas resident, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the review of the Dog or Cat Breeders Program Rules. This program is so important to ensuring the welfare of dogs in commercial breeding facilities, and I hope the Department will strengthen the regulations to better protect these vulnerable animals and the consumers who ultimately purchase them.

In particular, I respectfully urge the Department to propose rules to afford breeding dogs more cage space, require a solid resting surface and ban the unsafe and unsanitary practice of stacking dogs' cages on top of one another. Breeding dogs typically spend their entire lives in these cages so these modest improvements are critical to ensuring a basic standard of wellbeing and safety for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Young

Pauline Easley

From: Becky Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:17 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

As the rescuer of several puppy mill victims, I urge you to put a stop to the cruel treatment of animals.

One of my dogs lived in a small cage for 7 years: outdoors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in all sorts of weather. When he was rescued, needless to say, he was beyond traumatized and had no trust in people. It took 6 months for him to trust me. He never learned to trust men. Not only was he subjected to terrible weather conditions, he was not given basic medical care. He came to me with profound dental problems and little fur. He had to wear a sweater in winter as his fur grew back. The day I brought him home and showed him his new backyard, he ran around like he was on fire, he was so happy to be free. I named him Rocket. I had him for 5 1/2 years, and I cannot imagine the horrors he saw his first 7.

My current rescue is a schnauzer who was in a cage for 4 years. She was given little medical care and no affection. She craves attention from me, but like my other dog, she is terrified of men, even after the 7 years I've had her.

My other current rescue was dumped at a shelter, thankfully after "only" a year in a mill, during which she had no puppies. She was a lucky one, but even after 6 years, she still is squeamish when anyone touches her stomach. I can only imagine that she was squeezed to check if she was pregnant.

Please protect animals from this cruel treatment.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Miller
Colleyville

Sent from my iPhone

Pauline Easley

From: Stephanie Gladney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB 1451 must be repealed

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely or administration transferred under the Texas Department of Agriculture. The biased Breeder Advisory Committee must be abolished! This is TDLR's only "animal" program. TDLR admits they have no animal expertise and depend on their biased Breeder Advisory Committee for guidance. Oklahoma transferred their Pet Breeder Program to be under Oklahoma Agriculture Department in 2012 and abolished their Breeder Advisory Committee for the same reasons we face in Texas. Please either repeal or transfer to the USDA for oversight.
Stephanie Gladney

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:37 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

jennifer laval

Pauline Easley

From: Mary Lee Orrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:17 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments on HB 1451

I believe that HB 1451 should be repealed.

This program is required by statute to cover all administration and enforcement costs with license fees, inspection fees and fines. To date, this has NOT happened because of only 163 licenses being sold and bill proponents lied to legislators, citing there being 1,000 breeders in the state.

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely OR administration transferred under the Texas Department of Agriculture. THE BIASED BREEDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MUST BE ABOLISHED!!!!

This is TDLR's only "animal" program. TDLR admits they have no animal expertise and depend on their BIASED Breeder Advisory Committee for guidance.

American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club show/hobby breeders and exhibitors are caught in the "animal rights" net as TDLR has ruled these breeders are NOT exempt under the "Performance Dog" exemption. This new law was always meant to "eliminate"--not "regulate" dog and cat breeders.

TDLR enforcement of the misnamed "Puppy Mill" (HB 1451) began 9/1/2014 and is a disaster less than 4 years later.

Mary Lee (Myriah) Orrick
San Antonio, Texas

Pauline Easley

From: Bonnie Mathias [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:10 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

I live in the southern area of Dallas and have volunteered for rescue and the shelter. I am appalled that 25% of animals in our shelter at any given time came from a puppy mill. Some of the animals have lived in deplorable conditions. Please consider making the laws stronger to protect these poor helpless animals.

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- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Bonnie L. Mathias
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Dallas, TX 75217
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Pauline Easley

From: Kimberly Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:37 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas puppy mills

Regarding dogs and puppies who are forced to live in the atrocious breeding money makers called "puppy mills"... The following is most definitely THE LEAST that should mandated:

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Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.

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As I said, the conditions listed above should be the very LEAST that is mandated by law... But I honestly think puppy mills are horrific and should not be allowed at all. Dog is mans best friend and it's so utterly tragic that people exploit and abuse them for their own gain with no regard for the life of the dogs.

Thank you for your time,
Kimberly Jones
Dallas, TX 75206

Pauline Easley

From: Stacy Hague [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:28 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

To whom it may concern,

Please help strengthen the puppy mill laws by doing the following:

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Thank you,

Stacy Hague
Advisory board, mentor, foster
Legacy Humane Society

Pauline Easley

From: Office [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:24 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Re: The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451)

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The program is required by statute to cover all administration and enforcement costs with license fees, inspection fees, and fines. Bill proponents lied to legislators, predicting in the House that 1,000 breeders would be licensed, which was lowered later to 600 breeders in the Senate. Neither proven to be true!

Per TDLR Open Record Request, Licensed Dog & Cat Breeders include: 75 dog breeders (with 11-25 intact females) @ annual \$300 license fee = \$22,500 Income. Three (3) cat breeders and 85 dog breeders (26 or more intact females) @ annual \$500 license fee = \$44,000 Income. Total License Fees Income = \$66,500.

TDLR did not respond to our Open Records Request regarding the number of dual licensed breeders.

American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club show/hobby breeders and exhibitors are caught in the "animal rights" net as TDLR has ruled these breeders are NOT exempt under the "Performance Dog" exemption. This new law was always meant to "eliminate" -- not "regulate" dog and cat breeders.

TDLR

enforcement of the misnamed "Puppy Mill" Bill (HB 1451) began [September 1, 2012](#) and is a disaster less than 4 years later. There never was any reason for adopting these rules -- they're simply a national "animal rights" legislative agenda.

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Pauline Easley

From: Sally Seegers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

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- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.
- Animals should be provided with basic veterinary care at least on an annual basis, including, dental, vaccinations, and general health exams.
- The kennels should be cleaned at least once a day with the animal removed from the kennel.
- The animals should not be crowded into the cages.

These are the minimum rules that should be in place for the animals used as breeders.

Sally Seegers

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Pauline Easley

From: Poppy Sundeen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: regulations requiring humane conditions for animals

More than a decade ago, my husband and I adopted a dog (photo attached) who was rescued during an SPCA raid on a puppy mill that subjected animals to inhumane conditions. Despite the loving care we gave our dog Veteran, he was plagued by health issues as a result of the horrible treatment he endured before we adopted him. If breeders were held to humane standards, this kind of suffering on the part of animals — and the people who love them — might be eliminated or at least minimized. Seems to me it's the least we as decent humans can do.

Thank you.

Poppy Sundeen



Pauline Easley

From: Floyd.Linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:43 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Regulations for breeders of animals

Dear Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation - I am writing to you as a concerned citizen to comment on areas in the regulations for Licensed Breeders in the state of Texas. These regulations have not been updated since 2011 and continue to allow practices that are detrimental to the health and well-being of the animals that are being bred. Specifically, I am concerned about the following and ask that you update these practices to meet with what I would still think to be just minimum standards for the care of living creatures.

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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Respectfully,

Linda M. Ross, Community volunteer
PO Box 3154
DeSoto, TX 75123

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:09 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please repeal HB 1451

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely. The biased Breeder Advisory Committee must be abolished!

The bill should never have been passed. There were and are laws in place at the time of it's passage to deal with animal abuse. Those laws should be enforced rather than adding this ridiculous bill.

Thank you,
Claudia Leffler
Houston, TX

Pauline Easley

From: Belinda Buddrus [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 3:58 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR standards

Hello,

I am emailing to voice my support in strengthening the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation standards in regard to animals. Here in North Texas, we are a hotbed of puppy mill and careless breeders. All too often, seizures are made of animals living a deplorable existence in the name of breeding. I urge you to give your regulations the power that is needed to stop all inhumane operations of puppy mill and backyard breeders.

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Thank you for your time,

Belinda Buddrus

Pauline Easley

From: Peggy Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 3:39 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

The puppy mill law passes during the last session was a step in the right direction, but does not go far enough in insuring humane conditions in commercial breeding facilities in Texas. Please help those without a voice by considering these standards:

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Thank-you for standing up for the animals and not caving to the commercial breeding industry lobby.

Peggy Brown
3704 Haltom Rd.
Haltom City
TX 76117

Pauline Easley

From: Janice Boyd [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 2:12 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comment on: Licensed Dog and Cat Breeders Program

Why is TDLR involved in licensing dog and cat breeders? Are you qualified to inspect these people/businesses? And are there enough of them to pay for the amount of money the State of Texas spends on this? What good comes out of this licensing program: how does it help me as a citizen of Texas?

I do not think this licensing program should continue. It costs the taxpayer money for which we get no benefits back. It is also just another example of government trying to know what we are doing and trying to control us. What comes next: you must register if you breed hamsters or tropical fish in your home.

And you know exactly why this was pushed through: Animal Rights people want to make it as inconvenient as possible to own and breed animals. It has nothing to do with the necessary and proper functions of government. It has to do with illegally promoting an extremist agenda.

Repeal this improper licensed Dog and Cat Breeder Program or at the very least put it under the Agriculture Dept and get rid of the Animal Rights-influenced Breeder Advisory Committee. But preferably abolish it .

Janice Boyd
Brazos County

Pauline Easley

From: Cyndy Senff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: In support of repeal to HB1451

I support Responsible Pet Owners Alliance's Position:

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Sincerely Yours,

CSenff

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:38 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

Dear Ms. Easley,

As a Texas resident, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the review of the Dog or Cat Breeders Program Rules. This program is so important to ensuring the welfare of dogs in commercial breeding facilities, and I hope the Department will strengthen the regulations to better protect these vulnerable animals and the consumers who ultimately purchase them.

In particular, I respectfully urge the Department to propose rules to afford breeding dogs more cage space, require a solid resting surface and ban the unsafe and unsanitary practice of stacking dogs' cages on top of one another. Breeding dogs typically spend their entire lives in these cages so these modest improvements are critical to ensuring a basic standard of wellbeing and safety for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

patricia carrasco

Pauline Easley

From: North TX Humane [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:27 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TX Puppy mills

I'm writing today to urge TDLR to strengthen standards for breeding facilities, including but not limited to the following:

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Please don't let profit trump the humane treatment of animals.

Thank you,
K. Morrison

Pauline Easley

From: Katie Jarl [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: FW: HSUS Rule Review Comments
Attachments: HSUSTDLRletter.FINAL.docx

I received a notice that the file size for the attachment was too large so I am sending again with only the letter to make sure it goes through.

Thanks,

Katie Jarl

From: Katie Jarl
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:11 AM
To: 'erule.comments@tdlr.texas.gov'
Subject: HSUS Rule Review Comments

Please find below and attached The HSUS' comments in response to the May 16th TDLR email requesting feedback on the Licensed Breeders Rules:



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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
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erule.comments@tdlr.texas.gov

Re: Licensed Breeders Rules Review

Dear Mr. Kuntz:

Thank you for giving the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) the opportunity to comment on the review of the Licensed Breeders Rules. We would like to start by expressing our appreciation to the Department for the effort that your staff has put forth thus far on implementing the law.

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Pauline Easley

From: Mary Weaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: House Bill 1451

As a member of RPOA, I urge you to abolish the Advisory Committee for HB 1451 if not abolish the entire bill, as it is not necessary or needed. We have no justification for even having it when there are not enough numbers to justify it. At the very most, it could be put under the agriculture department.

Thank you.

Mary Weaver

Pauline Easley

From: Mable Ingram [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Fwd: Repeal HB 1451 or Transfer Administration to Texas Department of Agriculture

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Thank you for your consideration of this statement.
Mable Ingram

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Robertson

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:35 AM
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From: Rickey Freeman [REDACTED]
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From: Nancy [REDACTED]
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Pauline Easley

From: Christine Tashjian [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 5:06 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: block puppy mills, run them out of the state

Please support efforts to discontinue puppy mills. Animals bred for profit never fare well. I have 3 dogs from puppy mills and one was a breeding mom. She still has anxiety issues after being given a loving and safe home.

Christine Tashjian

Pauline Easley

From: Jennifer Kanady [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 1:54 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: PLEASE help us BE the BEST FRIEND that our K9's DESERVE!!



DOG BY DOG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1M7dJQg8F8>

To Whom it may concern:

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- **Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.**
- **Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled and Department of Licensing and Regulation should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.**
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- **Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.**

So, let's Keep DEPLORABLE ABOMINATIONS which are PUPPY MILLS, OUT of TEXAS & ALL of AMERICA!!

**Respectfully,
Jennifer Kanady**



[PAWS ACROSS AMERICA:](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111903369185905/>

Please look over the INFORMATION below!

HERE below is info taken from a page in Iowa, but it LISTS the USDA STANDARDS, which no doubt is similar across the board.

CONFESSIONS OF A PUPPY MILLER.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NxuSAmaW0I>

State vs USDA Licensed Dog Breeders

In Iowa there are 2 different types of “licensed commercial breeders”.

1. Iowa state-licensed commercial breeders are those breeders in our state who keep more than 3 intact breeding dogs, any combination of males and females, and sell the offspring. These breeders sell their puppies directly to the public through ads, the internet, etc. Iowa’s state-licensed breeders are inspected by our **State Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** (IDALS). Those inspection reports can be obtained from IDALS.
2. USDA Class A licensed commercial breeders are those breeders in our state, and elsewhere in the country, who can sell puppies wholesale, through a pet store or a broker/dealer (Class B USDA-license holder). The broker/dealer then sells the puppies to another distributor such as Hunte Corporation based in Goodman, Missouri, or to a pet store such as Petland. USDA-licensees may also sell puppies directly to the public. These breeders are required to follow the regulations set forth in the federal **Animal Welfare Act**.

USDA Licensed Commercial Breeders

USDA-licensed commercial breeders tend to be large scale breeding operations, many having more than 200 dogs per facility. The number of licensees fluctuates, but there are currently approximately 230 Class A breeders and Class B dealers in Iowa.

According to the **USDA**, at least 15,000 adult dogs are kept in Iowa’s USDA-licensed commercial kennels.

Some typical facts about dogs in USDA Licensed facilities:

Housing

- They are usually kept in wire or grate cages to allow for excrement to fall away from the surfaces of the living area.
- In many kennels they are never taken out of those cages except for purposes of breeding or for other basic necessities.
- The wire or grate floors of the cages can be painful to the dogs’ feet.
- Dogs are often exposed to climate extremes without shelter from Iowa’s frigid winters or sweltering summers.

Care

- Many of the dogs are not provided adequate vet care or nutrition.
- The females are bred over and over again, often at every heat cycle until their bodies wear out.
- Because the breeder has a finite number of breeding dogs, inbreeding is often an issue.

Puppies

- The breeders sell the puppies to anyone who is willing to pay.
- In most cases the breeder never meets the buyer because the puppy is sold through a broker or a pet store.
- The stressful conditions of living in this environment, the inadequate exercise and nutrition, and lack of preventative vet care often results in puppies that are less than ideal, health-wise.
- The puppies often have underlying temperament issues because they are not socialized with humans or with other dogs under normal circumstances.

There are thousands of USDA-licensed commercial dog-breeders in the US so competition is significant. In order to be profitable, a breeder must sell a lot of puppies. Since females only come into heat approximately 2 times a year, a breeder must have many, many breeding dogs to produce the vast number of puppies needed to make a profit.

Here's a list of USDA Class A & B licensees in Iowa as of 7/16/2014:

> List of ClassA&B licensees to be posted soon. Please check back.

Oversight of Dog-breeders by the USDA is Inadequate

The United States Department of Agriculture is an important institution. Abraham Lincoln established this "Peoples Department" for the development and execution of federal government policy on farming, agriculture, forestry and food.

So how did the commercial breeding of dogs end up under the umbrella of the USDA?

The story starts in the town of Slatington, Pennsylvania, where in late June 1965 one family's pet Dalmation, Pepper, went missing. The story sadly ends with Pepper the victim of a dognapper who sold her to a New York state hospital where she was used in lab experiments, was euthanized and cremated. A Pennsylvania senator, Sen. Joseph Clark, and a New York congressman, Rep. Joseph Resnick, heard the story and enacted legislation to help address the growing problem of thieves taking family pets for sale to laboratories.

The story ran in the **November 29, 1965 issue of Sports Illustrated**.

And so the Animal Welfare Act came to be; primarily to address the source of animals used in lab experiments. Over the years the Act has been amended numerous times to become what it is today.

The Act provides for minimum standards related to dog breeding. Read them here.

The USDA performs inspections of licensees, but the USDA budget doesn't provide for an adequate number of inspectors. And even if there were enough inspectors, the standards are so inadequate as to qualify as bare minimum standards for survival.

USDA Fails to Protect Puppy Mill Dogs

Over the last few years, animal-welfare advocates have voiced growing concern for the welfare of dogs in commercial kennels. as a result, the USDA Office of the Inspector General conducted an internal audit of their oversight of these facilities; [Inspections of Problematic Dealers](#). In May 2010 they released a damning report confirming what animal welfare advocates have been saying for years: the USDA has NOT been doing its job of enforcing the bare minimum standards of care as outlined in the Animal Welfare Act.

The report is long (69 pages) and includes some graphic, disturbing pictures from the investigation. If you think that being USDA licensed is a magic stamp of approval that all is well, then this report should be a real eye opener.

As part of the investigation, auditors visited 81 “facilities” and reviewed records documenting 28,443 violations over a two-year period.

The report concludes that despite regular inspections, breeders were allowed to continue operating facilities where dogs lived in inhumane conditions — cages overflowing with pools of urine and feces, food laden with dead cockroaches, dogs infested with ticks, and unattended injuries including a mutilated leg and other atrocities — all without penalty.

Many articles were written about this report, but [this one](#) from the Examiner.com does a good job

Iowa Friends of Companion Animals Monitors the USDA’S Inspections of Iowa Puppy Mills

Our initial investigation into the oversight of Iowa puppy mills revealed some startling facts:

1. During the period 2007-2009, at least 59% of Iowa’s USDA-licensed dog-breeders had been cited for violations to the Animal Welfare Act. There were more than 450 USDA-licensed breeders at that time.
2. According to the testimony of Dr. David Gibson, Western Region Manager for USDA APHIS, no Iowa dog-breeder had been investigated or closed down as a result of failure to comply with standards.
3. One USDA inspector, R. Beard, appears to have not been adequately inspecting the majority of Iowa’s then 450+ USDA-licensed dog-breeders. While Mr. Beard’s peers’ cited, on average, 59% of licensee for violations, Mr. Beard cited only 15% of licensees.

This information was critically important to our state-level legislative effort to gain increased oversight of USDA-licensees. In 2010 our lobbying efforts helped in gaining passage of HF 2280, the Puppy Mill Bill.

Prior to its passage, [Iowa Code 162](#) included language that expressly stated that federally-licensed facilities were exempt from state-level oversight. That meant that regardless of the situation, only the USDA could investigate. And even local law enforcement interpreted the code as prohibiting their involvement.

HF 2280 allows for inspection of USDA-licensees by the Iowa Department of Agriculture (IDALS) upon receipt of a complaint.

Unfortunately this law has not served the purpose we had intended. Rather, IDALS continues to defer to the USDA when dealing with these breeders. We'll keep working on this until the problem is fixed.

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Confessions of an Amish Puppy Miller



Confessions of an Amish Puppy Miller

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Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 11:43 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB1451

I am writing to oppose HB 1451.

M. Walker

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Janet Kirshner

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Jen Roediger

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While I realize that there will always be breeding dogs, I deplore the horrible conditions that these dogs have to suffer through. Is their life worth so little, but to be a puppy factory? I wish there were NO puppy mills!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Larson

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Kaitlyn Bailey

Pauline Easley

From: Steve Hurst [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:25 PM
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Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules and Regulations

Hello,

I support stronger rules and regulations for licensed breeders in Texas. I believe we need to strengthen some aspects of the rules for the health and well being of the animals and to ensure that breeders sell healthy puppies to the general public.

I made comments back in 2011 regarding regulations and I appreciate all the TDLR has done over the years to license and inspect breeders. I believe that we have made progress in improving the industry without adding undue burdens on breeders.

As we look towards the future, I believe the following areas should be strengthened:

The animals should not be kept outdoors or indoors without climate control if the temperature is above 90 degrees or below 40 degrees.

The size of the cages should be increased so that the breeding dogs can stretch out and move around. The Advisory Committee made some recommendations back in 2011 to increase the size. I supported that recommendation then and now.

Long term life in wire cages is not advisable for sanitary and physical comfort issues. I know that it's very difficult to keep wire cages clean. Also wire can be very harmful for their paws.

Stacking of cages should not be permitted. I made this suggestion in public comments to the Advisory Committee in 2011. It can be very unsanitary and can force some dogs to live in filth from the cages above them.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tina Kennedy

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 6:52 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: Commissioners
Subject: Licensed Breeder Rules

To: Chairman Mike Arismendez and Commissioners of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

RE: Recommendations for Rules for Licensed Breeders in Texas

I am a retired state employee with service in the Executive, Regulatory and Legislative divisions of Texas State Government. After my retirement, I volunteered to do dog breed rescue. It was then I saw first hand many of the horrible, unsafe and unhealthy conditions many animals suffered without any state regulation. In addition, many unsuspecting buyers of these animals purchased unhealthy animals, had huge veterinary bills and had little recourse for action against the "breeder."

I understand that you will be considering rules to better enforce the intention of the statute and provide better safeguards for both the animals and those who may purchase them.

I would encourage you to consider and approve the following:

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--- The stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another is a health issue for both the animals and the people caring for them.

As one who has seen cases of animal cruelty, serious health issues both to the animal and the public, I would request your consideration of these recommendations for the benefit of the citizens of Texas and the animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shzila Simmons

Pauline Easley

From: Bob Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 4:41 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB1411

Please support Responsible Pet Owners Alliance's Position:

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Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 3:55 PM
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Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

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Please take action to ensure licensing is meaningful in Texas and these animal are given appropriate treatment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tania Hughes-Kremers

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 3:51 PM
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Please end these despicable dog/cat mills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ramona Glenn

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 3:30 PM
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Diane Flynn

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Sincerely,

Mary Kelly

Pauline Easley

From: Susan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 3:07 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Review of the Licensed Breeder Rules

I would like to add some comments for your consideration as you review the rules for breeders.

- . Animals must be kept in a sheltered and temperature regulated environment. Temperature should be kept above 55 degrees and below 85 degrees at all times.

- . More space should be provided for each animal. TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered.

- . Wire mesh flooring should be eliminated. Try to imagine spending your entire life standing on wire mesh in your bare feet.

- . No stacking of dog enclosures should be allowed.

Susan McBride
5431 Palomar Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229
(214) 701-3213

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 2:39 PM
To: Erule Comments
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Sarah Ralph

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lien Nguyen

Pauline Easley

From: Bill & Dee Brock IV [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 11:07 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451)

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If you want effective legislation to reduce animal abuses stop the road side & pet store sales of dogs, the only responsible place to acquire a dog is through a reputable breeder or reputable shelter (Not a for profit rescue or shelter) road side sellers and pet stores get their pups from puppy mills or in several cases are the puppy millers them selves... and puppy mills are nothing more than dog farms... dogs deserve families NOT farmed... collecting fees from these dog farmers does nothing more than give this sad industry state validation

Thank you

Bill & Dena Brock

[REDACTED]
<http://KingwoodPetServices.com>

<http://HarnessYourDarkness.com>

<http://LifeVantage.com/DenaBrock>

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 11:01 AM
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What kind of message are we sending out the entire world by allowing the deplorable treatment of animals? I am proud to be a Texan, but I am ashamed that my state would allow the abuse of animals for monetary gain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherri Taylor

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 10:58 AM
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Emily Ehlers

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Natasha Stel

Pauline Easley

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Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 10:47 AM
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Devonney Sharp

Pauline Easley

From: Terry Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 10:11 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law HB 1451

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Terry Martin
Bryan, Texas

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 8:54 AM
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No one should live their entire lives in a cage, this is just plain wrong. You all can make a difference for the helpless. Step up and speak up for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica Castaneda

Pauline Easley

From: Sheena Marvin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

As a volunteer at an over crowded animal shelter I would like to see the following rules apply to animal breeders. I would actually like to do away with breeders who are in it for the money but understand that won't happen at this time. Breeders must be held to a humane standard so we still have a long way to go after these minimal standards are met.

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Thank you,
Sheena Marvin

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:57 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Pfluger

Pauline Easley

From: Renee Gunn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:32 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Hello

Please pass/adopt these guidelines for all puppy mills and breeders. These conditions are not only unsanitary for the animals but a health concern for the people/children living on the property.

Thank you

Renée

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:16 AM
To: Erule Comments
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I urge you to please allow these poor animals to be treated in a humane manner!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Kogel

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:04 AM
To: Erule Comments
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Sincerely,

Melanie Beck

Pauline Easley

From: Elizabeth Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 5:52 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB1451

Please repeal the Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451). It has not brought in the money expected and should not be managed by the TDLR who has no expertise in this field.

Elizabeth Smith

Sent from my iPad

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 4:28 AM
To: Erule Comments
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Please sign this law to save the animals!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Burton

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 12:49 AM
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Sincerely,

hope johnston

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
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Kate Watson

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:33 PM
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I feel a certain responsibility, as part of the human race who domesticated dogs - forever making them dependent on us to treat them right, towards fighting to make sure we repay their love and loyalty with nothing but fair treatment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nadine Ramirez

Pauline Easley

From: Beverly Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:32 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Repeal negative breeding legislation!!
Attachments: Screenshot_2016-06-11-22-17-41

Biased Breeder advisory committee must be abolished. It is not necessary , it is wrong and does not work.

The majority of pet breeders are animal lovers and take great care of their animals. That is the reason they breed. There is no money being made. It is a labor of love and no holidays, weekends or vacations. People need their animals for companionship and good health.

The agenda of the people sponsoring this type of legislation want to get rid of animal companions. They do not care about people or the rights of individual.

Please repeal this bad legislation!

Thank you for your time!

Beverly Rodriguez

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:26 PM
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This should have ended years ago. So sad. Cruelty to animals. Inhumane. We shouldn't even be begging. Do the right thing. Pass a law to stop puppy mills and everything else cruel.
Thank you for listening.

Susan 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Brady

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 10:00 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: REPEAL HB 1451!!!!!!!!!!
Attachments: HB01451S budget.pdf; HB01451S.doc; Letter to Governor Perry.doc

Exactly 5 years ago yesterday I mailed my letter to then Governor Perry to veto HB 1451. In that letter, and letters like it to the State House and Senate, I detailed how this bill could not work for the reasons detailed in my letter and compared to what was stated in the proposed bill and the budget. I'm going to attach those documents here since I studied them pretty thoroughly for 3 months in 2011. In fact, I will also attach my letter to Governor Perry highlighting my quotes that came true! Now I'm angry.

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Please REPEAL this Law in it's entirety. The citizens of Texas, honorable Representatives, Senators and the Governor were lied to! Senator Thompson was so overplayed it is not even funny. These animal rights organizations are less about rights and more about limiting rights. And their agendas affect me. I tried for 6 months in 2015 to find a miniature schnauzer puppy in Texas. The breeders I contacted from the Breed Club had chosen instead to stop breeding. No puppies in Texas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is so crazy and it makes me angry! PLEASE REPEAL THIS LAW IN IT'S ENTIRETY!

Sincerely,
Allison Atherton
506 City Park Road
Pflugerville, TX 78660

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2011

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1451 by Thompson (Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain dog and cat breeders; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1451, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	(\$565,242)	\$565,242	6.0
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2015	(\$565,242)	\$565,242	6.0
2016	(\$565,242)	\$565,242	6.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to license and regulate dog and cat breeders and dealers, defined as a person who possesses 11 or more adult intact female animals, providing exemptions. The bill would require TDLR to establish eligibility requirements for licenses, to conduct criminal background checks on applicants, and to annually inspect each facility of a licensed breeder. The bill would require TDLR to establish qualifications and training for registered breeder inspectors employed by the agency. The bill would also require TDLR to inspect a facility before an initial breeder license is issued for the facility. The bill would establish an advisory committee. The bill would authorize TDLR to set a licensing fee and a nonrefundable inspection fee. Licensing fees generated under the provisions of the bill for the purposes of funding the regulation of licensed dog and cat breeders and dealers would be deposited to the credit of the General

Revenue Fund.

The bill would establish a new Dog or Cat Breeder Training and Enforcement Account as a separate account in the General Revenue Fund for the purposes defined in the bill. The bill would require administrative penalties collected under Chapter 51, Subchapter F, related to the regulation of dog and cat breeders and dealers to be deposited to the credit of the new account.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. Legislative policy, implemented as Government Code 403.094, consolidated special funds (except those affected by constitutional, federal, or other restrictions) into the General Revenue Fund as of August 31, 1993 and eliminated all applicable statutory revenue dedications as of August 31, 1995. Each subsequent Legislature has reviewed bills that affect funds consolidation. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The bill would require TDLR to maintain a directory of licensed breeders to prepare information of consumer interest regarding the regulation of licensed breeders and the rights of a consumer. The bill would require TDLR to adopt, with the advice of the advisory committee, standards of care to ensure the overall health and welfare of each animal in the licensed breeder's facility. The bill would establish a civil penalty for any violation and would authorize the executive director of TDLR to issue a cease and desist or emergency order as necessary to enforce the regulations.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Methodology

Based on information provided by TDLR, the estimated population of commercial dog and cat breeders within the state of Texas is 600 and the number of third party inspectors to 50. Also based on the analysis of TDLR, it is assumed that an additional 6.0 FTEs would be required to license, regulate and enforce the provisions of the bill. This would include: 1.0 - Investigator IV: to investigate and document complaints; 1.0 - Legal Assistant II: to review complaints to determine if jurisdiction applies; 1.0 - Program Specialist IV: to determine compliance with statute and rules; interact with industry, municipalities, and public, and to coordinate and improve program; 2.0 - Inspector IV: to answer inquiries; assist with enforcement investigations; audit the Third party inspectors and conduct inspections; 1.0 - Customer Service Representative III to answer phone calls and e-mail. For purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that required inspections and investigations would be performed by state employees of TDLR that qualify as registered breeder inspectors.

TDLR also anticipates receiving 600 complaints per year resulting in 27 hearings per year and conducting 600 pre-licensure inspections in fiscal year 2012. In addition, TDLR anticipates a cost of \$625 for each controlling person requiring a criminal history background check and \$625 in costs for issuing plastic credit card type licenses for the controlling persons and third party inspectors. TDLR assumes 50 inspectors, who are either employed by a state agency, local law enforcement or local fire department would register as third party inspectors. Based on information provided by TDLR, this analysis also assumes that the agency would contract with third party inspectors in the amounts of \$150,000 each year to implement the provisions of the bill.

In addition to salary and benefit costs in the amount of \$330,922 each year, it is assumed that the agency would incur other costs of \$16,200 each year in rent for space for the additional FTEs in non-state-owned buildings, \$19,000 each year in annual travel costs, \$38,870 in FY 2012 for equipment costs, \$1,250 each year in professional services and \$9,000 each year for other operating expenses.

This analysis assumes that any increased costs to the agency, which is statutorily required to generate sufficient revenue to cover its costs of operation, would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue. For the purposes of this analysis, no estimate is included for revenue gains or costs to the newly created Dog or Cat Breeder Training and Enforcement Account in the General Revenue Fund because administrative penalties that would be assessed subsequent to the implementation of the bill

can not be determined.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JOB, ESi, AG, MW, CWS, SD

By: Thompson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 1451
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1451

By: Whitmire

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of certain dog and cat
breeders; providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Title 4, Occupations Code, is
amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS RELATED TO ANIMALS [~~ANIMAL HEALTH~~]

SECTION 2. Title 4, Occupations Code, is amended by adding
Chapter 802 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 802. DOG OR CAT BREEDERS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 802.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the
Dog or Cat Breeders Act.

Sec. 802.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Adult animal" means an animal six months of age or
older.

(2) "Animal" means a dog or a cat.

(3) "Cat" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the
species Felis domesticus.

(4) "Commission" means the Texas Commission of Licensing

and Regulation under Chapter 51.

(5) "Controlling person" means an individual who:

(A) is a partner, manager, director, officer, or member of a dog or cat breeder;

(B) possesses the authority to set policy or direct management of a dog or cat breeder; or

(C) possesses a direct or indirect control of 25 percent or more of a dog or cat breeder.

(6) "Department" means the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation under Chapter 51.

(7) "Dog" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the species *Canis familiaris*.

(8) "Dog or cat breeder" means a person who possesses 11 or more adult intact female animals and is engaged in the business of breeding those animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration.

(9) "Facility" means the premises used by a dog or cat breeder for keeping or breeding animals. The term includes all buildings, property, and confinement areas used to conduct the breeding business.

(10) "Federal regulations" means the specifications for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of dogs and cats set forth in 9 C.F.R. Part 3, Subpart A.

(11) "Intact female animal" means a female animal that has not been spayed and is capable of reproduction.

(12) "Kitten" means a cat less than six months old.

(13) "Licensed breeder" means a dog or cat breeder who holds a license issued under this chapter.

(14) "Possess" means to have custody of or control over.

(15) "Primary enclosure" means any structure used to restrict an animal to a limited amount of space. The term includes a room, pen, run, cage, or compartment.

(16) "Puppy" means a dog less than six months old.

(17) "Third-party inspector" means any of the following entities with which the department contracts under Section 802.062, including an employee of the entity:

(A) a state agency; or

(B) a local law enforcement agency or fire department.

(18) "Veterinarian" means a veterinarian in good standing and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state.

Sec. 802.003. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter does not affect the applicability of any other law, rule, order, ordinance, or other legal requirement of the federal government, this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

(b) This chapter does not prevent a municipality or county from prohibiting or further regulating by order or ordinance the possession, breeding, or selling of dogs or cats.

(c) This chapter does not apply to an animal regulated under the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

Sec. 802.004. PRESUMPTION OF USE FOR BREEDING. For purposes of this chapter, each adult intact female animal possessed by a person engaged in the business of breeding animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration is presumed to be used for breeding purposes unless the person establishes to the satisfaction of the department, based on the person's breeding records or other evidence reasonably acceptable to the department, that the animal is not used for breeding.

Sec. 802.005. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO BREED DOGS.

(a) This section applies only to a dog bred to be used exclusively for:

(1) herding livestock, as defined by Section 1.003, Agriculture Code, or other agricultural uses;

(2) hunting, including pointing, flushing, or retrieving game; or

(3) competing in field trials.

(b) This chapter does not apply to a person to the extent the person breeds dogs described by Subsection (a) for:

(1) personal use; and

(2) incidental direct or indirect sale or exchange in return for consideration.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a person described by Subsection (b) may be subject to the requirements of this chapter based on the person's activities with respect to animals other than dogs that are bred and used as described by this section.

[Sections 802.006-802.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT

Sec. 802.051. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES; RULES. (a) The department shall administer and enforce this chapter.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.

Sec. 802.052. FEES. The commission by rule shall establish reasonable and necessary fees in amounts sufficient to cover the costs of administering and enforcing this chapter. In setting the fee for inspecting or licensing a facility, the commission may consider the number of adult intact female animals used for breeding at the facility.

Sec. 802.053. PERSONNEL. The department may employ personnel necessary to carry out the functions and duties of the department under this chapter.

Sec. 802.054. EXPENSES. The department may authorize disbursements necessary to implement this chapter, including disbursements for office expenses, equipment costs, and other necessary facilities.

Sec. 802.055. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. The department

shall conduct a criminal background check on each applicant who submits an application for a license under this chapter and on any controlling person of the applicant. The department may, as permitted by law:

(1) examine any criminal conviction, guilty plea, or deferred adjudication of the applicant or controlling person; and

(2) obtain any criminal history or record of the applicant or controlling person.

Sec. 802.056. DIRECTORY. (a) The department shall maintain a directory of licensed breeders and of third-party inspectors registered under this chapter.

(b) The department shall make the directory available to the public.

Sec. 802.057. DISCIPLINARY DATABASE. (a) The department shall maintain a database of dog or cat breeders who have been subject to disciplinary action as provided by Subchapter F.

(b) The department shall make the information maintained in the database available to the public.

Sec. 802.058. CONSUMER INTEREST INFORMATION. (a) The department shall prepare information of consumer interest describing:

(1) the functions performed by the department under this chapter; and

(2) the rights of a consumer affected by this chapter.

(b) The information must describe the procedure by which a consumer complaint is filed with and resolved by the department.

(c) The department shall make the information available to the public.

Sec. 802.059. DOG OR CAT BREEDER TRAINING AND ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT. (a) The dog or cat breeder training and enforcement account is an account in the general revenue fund. Administrative penalties collected under Subchapter F shall be deposited to the

credit of the account.

(b) Funds in the account may be appropriated only to the department for:

(1) promoting consumer awareness of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) supporting educational seminars, training activities, or other projects designed to benefit the department's ability to administer this chapter;

(3) paying for information resulting in disciplinary action under Subchapter F against a person for acting as a dog or cat breeder without holding a license issued under this chapter;
and

(4) taking any other action to improve the department's ability to investigate violations of and enforce this chapter.

(c) The commission by rule may provide for a system to pay for information described by Subsection (b)(3). Rules adopted under this subsection must ensure that a public purpose is accomplished through the use of the payment system.

(d) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and other donations from any source for deposit into the account.

(e) The account is exempt from the application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

Sec. 802.060. REGULATION OF THIRD-PARTY INSPECTORS. The commission by rule shall establish:

(1) training requirements for a third-party inspector;

(2) registration procedures for a third-party inspector;

and

(3) policies governing the acts of a third-party inspector in conducting an inspection or investigation.

Sec. 802.061. REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED BREEDERS. The commission by rule may establish registration procedures for any person whose duties and responsibilities include

the handling of or caring for an animal in a licensed breeder's facility.

Sec. 802.062. CONTRACTS FOR ENFORCEMENT. The department may contract with a third-party inspector to enforce or assist in the enforcement of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter, including the performance of inspections and investigations required under this chapter.

Sec. 802.063. INSPECTIONS. (a) The department shall inspect each facility of a licensed breeder at least once in every 18-month period and at other times as necessary to ensure compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

(b) The inspection must be conducted during the facility's normal business hours, and the licensed breeder or a representative of the licensed breeder may be present during the inspection.

(c) The department or third-party inspector may not provide advance notice to the licensed breeder or a representative of the licensed breeder before arriving at the facility. The licensed breeder or its representative shall, on request of an inspector, assist the inspector in performing the inspection.

(d) In conducting an inspection under this section, an inspector may not enter or access any portion of a private residence of a licensed breeder except as necessary to access animals, documents, records, or other property relevant to the inspection.

(e) The inspector shall submit an inspection report to the department not later than the 10th day after the date of the inspection on a form prescribed by the department and provide a copy of the report to the licensed breeder or its representative.

Sec. 802.064. INVESTIGATIONS. On receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter, the department or a third-party inspector designated by the department shall investigate the alleged violation.

Sec. 802.065. REPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY. A person conducting an inspection under Section 802.063 or 802.103 or an investigation under Section 802.064 shall notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency not later than 24 hours after discovering evidence of animal cruelty or neglect during the inspection or investigation.

Sec. 802.066. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall establish an advisory committee to advise the commission and make recommendations on matters related to the administration and enforcement of this chapter, including licensing fees and standards adopted under Subchapter E.

(b) The advisory committee consists of nine members appointed by the presiding officer of the commission with the approval of the commission as follows:

- (1) two members who are licensed breeders;
- (2) two members who are veterinarians;
- (3) two members who represent animal welfare organizations;
- (4) two members who represent the public; and
- (5) one member who is an animal control officer as defined in Section 829.001, Health and Safety Code.

(c) Members of the advisory committee serve staggered four-year terms. The terms of four or five members expire on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the presiding officer of the commission, with the approval of the commission, shall appoint a replacement member to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) The presiding officer of the commission shall designate one member of the advisory committee to serve as presiding officer of the advisory committee for a two-year term. A member may serve more than one term as presiding officer.

(e) The advisory committee shall meet annually and at the

call of the presiding officer of the advisory committee, the presiding officer of the commission, or the executive director of the department.

(f) Except for the members described by Subsection (b)(1), a person may not be a member of the advisory committee if the person or a member of the person's household:

(1) is required to be licensed under this chapter;

(2) is an officer, employee, or paid consultant of an entity required to be licensed under this chapter;

(3) owns or controls, either directly or indirectly, more than a 10 percent interest in an entity required to be licensed under this chapter; or

(4) is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf of an entity required to be licensed under this chapter.

(g) The presiding officer of the commission may remove from the advisory committee a member who is ineligible for membership under Subsection (f).

(h) A member may not receive compensation for service on the advisory committee. Subject to the department's budget and any limitation provided by the General Appropriations Act, a committee member may receive reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing advisory committee duties.

(i) A decision of the advisory committee is effective only on a majority vote of the members present.

(j) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the size, composition, or duration of the advisory committee or to the appointment of the committee's presiding officer.

[Sections 802.067-802.100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. LICENSING OF DOG OR CAT BREEDERS

Sec. 802.101. LICENSE REQUIRED. (a) A person may not act

as, offer to act as, or represent that the person is a dog or cat breeder in this state unless the person holds a license under this chapter for each facility that the person owns or operates in this state. A license for a single facility may cover more than one building on the same premises.

(b) The commission by rule may establish requirements for issuance or renewal of a license issued to a dog or cat breeder under this chapter.

Sec. 802.102. APPLICATION. An applicant for a license under this chapter must:

(1) submit to the department a completed application on a form prescribed by the department;

(2) submit to the department the information regarding the applicant's facilities and operations requested by the department;

(3) demonstrate that the applicant has satisfied the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter; and

(4) pay to the department the required fee.

Sec. 802.103. PRELICENSE INSPECTION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the department must inspect a facility before a license is issued for the facility.

(b) The department may not issue a license to a dog or cat breeder until the department receives a prelicense inspection report from the inspector in a format approved by the department certifying that the facility meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

(c) Before the prelicense inspection may be conducted, each applicant must pay to the department the required inspection fee to be used to pay third-party inspectors and the reasonable expenses of the department related to its licensing and inspection duties under this chapter.

(d) An applicant whose facility does not meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter as revealed by a prelicense inspection may, after correcting deficiencies noted in the inspection report, request another prelicense inspection by paying the required fee to the department.

(e) The department may not require a prelicense inspection of a facility for an applicant who:

(1) holds a current Class A animal dealers license issued under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.); and

(2) submits to the department:

(A) a copy of the license; and

(B) on a form prescribed by the department, a statement certifying that the facility meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

Sec. 802.104. INITIAL LICENSE. The department shall issue a license to each dog or cat breeder who:

(1) meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) applies to the department on the form prescribed by the department; and

(3) pays the required fee.

Sec. 802.105. TERM; NONTRANSFERABILITY. A license issued under this chapter is valid until the first anniversary of the date of issuance and is nontransferable. The department shall include the expiration date on each license issued under this chapter.

Sec. 802.106. LICENSE RENEWAL. (a) A licensed breeder may renew the person's license by:

(1) submitting a renewal application to the department on the form prescribed by the department;

(2) complying with any other renewal requirements adopted by the department; and

(3) paying the required fee.

(b) A person whose license has expired may not engage in activities that require a license until the license has been renewed.

(c) The department may not renew the license of a person if the person is in violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter at the time of renewal.

Sec. 802.107. LICENSE DENIAL, REVOCATION, AND SUSPENSION.

(a) The department shall deny issuance of a license to, or refuse to renew the license of, a person if the person or a controlling person of the dog or cat breeder has pled guilty to, been convicted of, or received deferred adjudication for animal cruelty or neglect in this state or any other jurisdiction in the five years preceding the person's initial or renewal application for a license.

(b) The department shall revoke a license if, after the license is issued, the person or a controlling person of the dog or cat breeder pleads guilty to, is convicted of, or receives deferred adjudication for animal cruelty or neglect in this state or any other jurisdiction.

(c) The department may deny issuance of a license to, refuse to renew the license of, or revoke or suspend a license held by a person who:

(1) fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) has had a similar license issued by a federal, state, or local authority denied, revoked, or suspended;

(3) has falsified any material information requested by the department;

(4) has failed to meet a standard adopted by rule under this chapter; or

(5) has failed to comply with any corrective action required under an inspection report in the time provided by the

report.

[Sections 802.108-802.150 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER D. PRACTICE BY LICENSED BREEDER

Sec. 802.151. DISPLAY OF LICENSE; APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES; INCLUSION OF LICENSE NUMBER AND DEPARTMENT INFORMATION. A licensed breeder shall:

(1) prominently display a copy of the license at the breeder's facility;

(2) maintain at the breeder's facility a printed copy of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter as made available by the department;

(3) include the license number in each advertisement of the licensed breeder; and

(4) include in each contract for the sale or transfer of an animal by the licensed breeder:

(A) the license number; and

(B) the following statement: "Dog and cat breeders are regulated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, P.O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711, 1-800-803-9202, 512-463-6599, www.license.state.tx.us" or a similar statement adopted by commission rule that includes the department's name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and Internet website address.

Sec. 802.152. CHANGE IN LICENSE INFORMATION. A licensed breeder shall notify the department in a manner prescribed by the department not later than the 10th day after the date any change occurs in the address, name, management, or controlling person of the business or operation.

Sec. 802.153. ANNUAL INVENTORY. (a) Not later than February 1 of each year, a licensed breeder shall submit to the department, on a form prescribed by the department, an accounting of all animals held at the facility at any time during the preceding calendar year.

(b) The licensed breeder shall keep copies of the items described by Subsection (a) at the licensed breeder's facility and shall make them available on request to the department or a third-party inspector designated by the department.

(c) A licensed breeder that has more than one facility shall:

(1) keep separate records for each facility; and

(2) submit a separate accounting of animals for each facility.

Sec. 802.154. ANIMAL RECORDS. (a) A licensed breeder shall maintain a separate record for each animal in the breeder's facility documenting the animal's care.

(b) The record must include:

(1) the date the animal entered the facility;

(2) if applicable, the name, address, and telephone number of the person from whom the animal was purchased or obtained;

(3) a description of the animal, including the animal's breed, sex, color, identifying marks, and weight;

(4) the date of birth of the animal or approximate age if the date of birth is unknown;

(5) any tattoo, microchip, or other identification number carried by or appearing on the animal;

(6) if the animal is a breeding female:

(A) breeding dates;

(B) dates the animal gave birth to a litter;

(C) number of puppies or kittens for each litter of the animal; and

(D) the name and identification of the sire or tom for each litter;

(7) all veterinary care provided for the animal, including a record of all inoculations, medications, and other veterinary medical treatment received by the animal while in the

possession of the licensed breeder; and

(8) for an animal that was at the facility but is no longer at the facility:

(A) the date of disposition or death of the animal;

and

(B) as applicable:

(i) the name and address of the person to whom the animal was transferred; or

(ii) the animal's cause of death.

(c) The licensed breeder shall make the animal records available on request to the department or a third-party inspector designated by the department.

(d) The commission by rule shall establish the retention period for records required under this section.

[Sections 802.155-802.200 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER E. STANDARDS OF CARE AND CONFINEMENT

Sec. 802.201. ADOPTION OF STANDARDS. (a) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the humane handling, care, housing, and transportation of dogs and cats by a dog or cat breeder to ensure the overall health, safety, and well-being of each animal in the breeder's possession.

(b) The standards adopted under this section must:

(1) at a minimum, meet federal regulations;

(2) require that, unless otherwise certified by a veterinarian in the manner prescribed by the department, a licensed breeder, if applicable, provide each dog 12 weeks of age and older with at least one hour of daily exercise in an area that:

(A) has a surface that has adequate drainage and that will not adversely affect the dog's health or well-being, and that may be composed of natural turf or soil;

(B) provides adequate protection against harsh weather, including exposure to the sun; and

(C) has at least three times more square feet than the dog's primary enclosure;

(3) require that an adequate period consistent with breed standards elapse between the breeding cycles of each adult intact female animal;

(4) require that a dog or cat breeder provide basic grooming to each animal, including bathing and nail trimming, as needed to prevent any condition that adversely affects the animal's health and cleanliness;

(5) require that all primary enclosures:

(A) be composed of materials that are safe for the animal based on the animal's breed, size, and age;

(B) have adequate space to allow the animal to comfortably stand, sit, turn around, and lie down in a natural position;

(C) have adequate drainage; and

(D) if any portion of the floor surface is composed of wire or a slatted material, be free from any protruding, sharp surfaces and be designed so the animal's paws are unable to extend through, or become caught in, the floor;

(6) prohibit the placement of a primary enclosure of an animal on top of the primary enclosure of another animal, unless an impervious barrier designed to prevent the transfer of any liquid or animal waste from one enclosure to the other is placed between the enclosures;

(7) prohibit the stacking of the primary enclosures of dogs above three vertical levels;

(8) require at least one regular veterinary examination a year for a breeding animal;

(9) require that a dog or cat breeder maintain at each of the breeder's facilities a written health care management protocol that addresses routine and preventive care;

(10) ensure that necessary routine and preventive care is provided to each animal and that each animal receives appropriate care and treatment for any disease or illness that affects the animal's health or well-being;

(11) prohibit a person from euthanizing an animal or performing a surgical birth of an animal unless the person is a veterinarian;

(12) require appropriate training for any person whose duties and responsibilities include the handling of or caring for an animal in a dog or cat breeder's facility; and

(13) prohibit a dog or cat breeder from selling, trading, or giving away an animal before the animal is eight weeks of age.

(c) The commission by rule may modify existing standards as necessary to protect or improve the health and well-being of animals or to protect the health and safety of the public.

[Sections 802.202-802.250 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER F. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 802.251. DISCIPLINARY ACTION; ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY.

If a person violates this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter, the person is subject to any action or penalty under Subchapter F or G, Chapter 51.

SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2012, the presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall appoint the members of the advisory committee established under Section 802.066, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. Not later than March 31, 2012, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt the rules, standards, procedures, and fees necessary to implement Chapter 802, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and Section 5 of this Act.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding Chapter 802, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, a dog or cat breeder is not required to:

(1) hold a license under that chapter to act as a dog or cat breeder before September 1, 2012; or

(2) comply with the standards adopted under Subchapter E, Chapter 802, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, before September 1, 2012.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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VETO HB 1451: It's Bad for Texas!!!!

I write to you to voice my opposition to a house bill recently passed, namely HB 1451. This bill was originally poorly written, has been amended and is even more objectionable. **The bill would not have any impact on puppy mills or hoarders, and wouldn't deal with a 'hoarding' situation (disguised in the bill as puppy mills).** I instead support the state Animal Cruelty Law which should be enforced to deal with hoarders and ANY person who treats an animal cruelly. This bill burdens those responsible, lawful breeders, allows access to their homes without a search warrant violating the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution and Section 9 of the Texas Bill of Rights. And I know you are a strong advocate of our Constitution and the Texas Bill of Rights!

IV - Right of search and seizure regulated

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Our Great State finds itself in a major crisis economically and here we are possibly passing an Act that would require personnel to create and man a data base, prosecutors to prosecute any violators, amongst other expense type situations. **This would not be a self funding Act.** Particularly in the early years and again, would not address hoarders which create pet population problems, not responsible breeders. Those people would fly under the radar and would not voluntarily sign up for licensing.

For your information, I am a pure-breed dog owner who wants to maintain the soundness and health of any pure-bred dog I buy from a breeder in the State of Texas. I am worried that this bill will cause an influx of foreign (non-U.S.) origin dogs/cats to meet the demand who have genetic health defects and maybe even carry diseases. My responsible breeder friends genetically test their breeding stock and provide this information to all puppies sold! There is a great difference in responsible pet breeders and irresponsible pet breeders, puppy mills and hoarders!!!

I am certain that the intention of this bill is to help protect and insure proper care for the dogs being bred and for the puppies that are born; however and unfortunately, this bill will only cause them to suffer more and do far more harm than good. The majority of breeders care very much for the dogs they bring into this world and work very hard to protect them. It is to the credit of the responsible breeder that certain eye, heart, and other disease and health issues have been totally bred out of some breeds. This ensures the breed integrity as well as good health and long happy lives. While the back yard and puppy mill breeders will breed to anything with/without health issues just to make a quick dollar, a responsible breeder is lucky to have a litter a year and when puppies are sold it is usually under strict contract with rules and medical health that must be adhered to. In addition the puppy can always come back to the breeder, thereby eliminating it being placed in a shelter in the event the new owner cannot keep the dog. This bill would hurt the responsible breeder that is actually trying to do their best to provide education, good health, and preserve the breed integrity of the animals. **This bill (as well as other bills being considered) will only make the problems worse and, while accomplishing little to nothing towards improving the lives of the animals being bred by the irresponsible, will actually create more problems as well as cost the State of Texas an enormous amount of money.**

First we need to VETO this bill and re-think and re-write a bill that would be beneficial and enforceable to all. Our state economy is already a problem and here we are, working on bills that will not improve anything in our state, while our children's education is being cut back, jobs are being lost, and health benefits being cut

Please, Governor Perry, don't let the animal rights activists take away my rights to have a genetically healthy pure bred animal by signing this flawed bill. I would love to talk about this to you in person should you have any questions. . Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on the matters affecting our beloved pets.

Sincerely,

Allison Atherton
Pflugerville, TEXAS
512-788-2517

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:51 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen Dog Enclosure Standards for Commercial Breeders

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katarina Flynn

Pauline Easley

From: Shirley Stowe [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda and should be repealed entirely or administration transferred under the Texas Department of Agriculture. The biased Breeder Advisory Committee must be abolished!

Thank you,
Shirley Stowe
El Paso, Tx

Pauline Easley

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Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:23 PM
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Sincerely,

Cynthia Harris

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Sincerely,

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Pauline Easley

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Schrade

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cora Kamerman

Pauline Easley

From: Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 8:44 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Hb 1451 licensed breeders program

This program needs to be repealed as it no where covers the extremely high costs of running the program. Which is against the law itself. With the very low number of license holders within the state and the state already having an animal control to enforce any animal cruelty along with Cruelty laws. It is a heavy burden on the state. With the money needing to go other places with much more priority. Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 8:32 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy/kitty breeder regulations

Please strengthen your standards for puppy and kittens well beings.

Please prohibit animals from being outside when it's too hot or too cold. The Texas heat can be brutal and even a human can't handle the hot sun.

Please consider increasing the minimum size of space for the animals. They need space to turn around. They shouldn't be sitting on top of their own urine and feces.

Dogs should not be forced to stand on wire for their entire lives.

If some of this issues become stricter, then maybe there will be less of an issue of the animal over population.

Thank you,

Carla Damon

Sent from my iPhone

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:51 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leanne Morin

Pauline Easley

From: myanimalfarm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:48 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Entirely real HB 1451

Please entirely repeal HB 1451!!!!!!!
I support the position of the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance. Thank you.

Nanci Loren

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

Pauline Easley

From: myanimalfarm [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:45 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Repeal HB 1452

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Nanci Loren, LCSW

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

Pauline Easley

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Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:42 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Brooks

Pauline Easley

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Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:27 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Roberto

Pauline Easley

From: Nancy Battle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:21 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: BAD BILL HB1451 & Breeders Advisory Board

Please repeal 'HB 1451'....the TDLR admit they have no animal experts and depend on the 'biased' Breeder Advisory Board....this Board and 'HB 1451' needs to be abolished entirely !

I support RPOA on this issue.

Nancy Battle
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:15 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Pauline Easley

From: Deb & Rick Rogstad [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:04 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB1451

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Law (HB 1451) should be repealed entirely or administration transferred under the Texas Department of Agriculture. This is TDLR's only "animal" program. TDLR admits they have no animal expertise and depend on their biased Breeder Advisory Committee for guidance. Oklahoma transferred their Pet Breeder Program to be under the Oklahoma Agriculture Department in 2012 and abolished their Breeder Advisory Committee for the same reasons we face in Texas.

Deborah Rogstad
Denton, TX

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Erule Comments
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Sincerely,

Kara Roberts

Pauline Easley

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This is blatant abuse of animals and it needs to stop! They are thumbing there nose at Texas legislation ! Take out the loop holes! Close them down!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Landis

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 5:52 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Duncan

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 5:43 PM
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Sincerely,

Karen Mastaglio

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 5:02 PM
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Klein

Pauline Easley

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All animals should have a nice place to sleep, clean water to drink, food to eat everyday, a vet they see for their health, and be able to play outside. NO animals should suffer like some of them do at these puppy mills because of greedy heartless people.. If you are a heartless person you should not even own a poor defenseless animal.....

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Gleason

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 4:46 PM
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Sincerely,

Alicia Pastore

Pauline Easley

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Sincerely,

paula hensel

Pauline Easley

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Sincerely,

Serena Sposato

Pauline Easley

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Myrthala Gonzalez

Pauline Easley

From: Myrthala Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Public comment on licensed breeder facilities

Hello,

I learned that TDLR is conducting a review of the licensed breeder rules and is taking public comments on licensed breeder facilities. I believe that inspections of these facilities is important work. The following are my comments:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

I am a resident of Texas and please feel free to contact me at this email address. I can also send a phone number if needed.

Thank you,

Myrthala Gonzalez

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 3:47 PM
To: Erule Comments
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Sincerely,

Nicole Juarez

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 3:36 PM
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Sincerely,

Ilene Delisi

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

Rebecca Hayes

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 3:12 PM
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Sincerely,

Mary Tarallo

Pauline Easley

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Susan Hammond

Pauline Easley

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Sincerely,

Diana Cato

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Erule Comments
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James Long

Pauline Easley

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This needs to be addressed there are to many people mistreating and abusing animals for money this is wrong. Help to stop Puppy mills. They feel just as we do stop hurting Gods precious animals. They deserve to be loved and treated right. Thanks

Thank you for your consideration.

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Lianne Biegay

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Donna Hammond

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Lora Ferguson

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Julie Sears

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It is the right thing to do as the stewards of these animals. Just because they are being used as an income, does not give us the right to treat living beings as if they were inanimate objects.

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Sincerely,

Caroline Cunningham

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There are certain minimum standards of care that should apply to all living creatures and the current rules are completely inadequate. Please do the right thing and give them some improvement in their living conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Nahra

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Karen Ricks

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These animals are totally defenseless against the inhumane ways they are bred and caged. We are their only advocate. Please listen to our plea regarding the requirements these animals deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Elfstrom

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Elizabeth Kovach

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Shellee Adkins

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As a pharmacist, I think the stacking of cages promotes infection. You have unhealthy dogs that you are selling to the public. Just think, that if just one human became sick because of an infected dog, what kind of lawsuit you would have. Your argument might be that there is no transfer from dog to human, nevertheless the lawsuit would be costly. As a consumer, I do not purchase fish that has been farmed. Close quarters of beast or human promotes infection. I do not buy eggs or milk from "farmed" animals. Besides, antibiotics are expensive. Another thought is psychosis of a caged animal. Not good. People who adopt certain rescue animals understand there could be problems, but what if you purchased a dog and you thought this dog had been treated properly with no problems. Then the animal is susceptible to infection (because bacteria and viruses mutate) or exhibits emotional problems. As a health professional, I could go on and on!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leah Montgomery

Pauline Easley

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Texas has a chance to make a humane change in the lives of our most special companions, dogs and cats. The suggested changes are reasonable and will contribute to healthier animals. Healthier animals produce healthier offspring, so this law will protect purchasers as well. Please make these positive changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jackie Baltrun

Pauline Easley

From: Angela Mc Ghee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeder rules

I understand that a review is currently being done on the standards for licensed breeders for the State of Texas. As a director of a large all breed rescue group in the Houston area, I would like to add some minimum standards. We see many animals dumped at shelters once their economic value is diminished. In addition to the physiological scars of being kept away from interacting with other dogs except to breed, physical damage occurs.

- All dogs should be housed in climate controlled areas if temperature rise above 90 degrees (less for some breeds) or below 50 degrees.
- Crates and kennels should not be stacked, as this is unhealthy for the animals as feces and urine can fall down into the lower crates
- All crates/kennels should have flooring that does not damage paws, cause limbs to become caught etc. Solid flooring or flooring that is not wire should be the standard.
- Current sizes of enclosures is not adequate. All animals should be able to move comfortably in the confinement area and have room on all sides for movement. Since these enclosures also contain the litters in many cases, extra space to accommodate puppies should also be included.
- Regular inspections should be conducted and fines for non compliance should be stiff.

Please consider strengthening these minimum standards. We see the results of the damage to these voiceless creatures each day from poor conditions. Good breeders will already be following these recommendations and your increased regulation will only hurt the ones that are reckless and cruel.

Angela McGhee, Director



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Puppy mills should be banned. There are thousands of dogs without homes who need adoption. Producing more dogs only makes this problem worse.

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Bennett

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Please be their voices to grant them the care, respect, affection and devotion to them all; they give us that and more every day.

Thank you,

Ana Blackford

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Laurie Sauer

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With so so many homeless dogs, I wish there was some way to restrict breeding facilities totally. But if that cant be done, it would be wonderful if those dogs are given the best care possible. Thank you for being compassionate to these little souls.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
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The welfare of so many dogs are in your hands - Be the difference in a dog's life. Dogs aren't meant to be caged for their entire life and certainly shouldn't live in horrible conditions while the breeders make money from them. You have the power and the opportunity to be that difference.

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Sincerely,

Donna Steibel

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William Engel

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Elizabeth Bustamante

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For the sanctity of all living beings, please allow these innocent dogs a decent life!

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Sincerely,

Georgia Daskalos

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Suzanne Leblanc

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If you cared about animal welfare you would STOP breeding!

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Sincerely,

Nanciann Rogers

Pauline Easley

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Please take the time to listen and review this case. Animals in human care deserve better than this. A line needs to be drawn somewhere.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Tjernlund

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We need to get this done ASAP!! Precious babies deserve better! Thank you

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Sincerely,

Victoria Torres

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurie Tanner

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 12:21 AM
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Please help - every precious life matters!!!

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Laura Walthers

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Karla Diaz

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Since it doesn't seem likely that unscrupulous breeders can be put out of business, the best we can hope for is to improve the lives of the unfortunate animals in all commercial breeding facilities. I am not saying that all commercial breeders are unscrupulous, but the bad ones are out there and are they are not regulated nearly enough. It really is the least we can do for these animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Delaney

Pauline Easley

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Sincerely,

Vickie Bone

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Laura Castro

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Andrea Sutherland

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There are so many innocent dogs in shelters already who are being euthanized! Puppy mills should be outlawed or at the very least, monitored closely so that puppies are healthy and happy!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Magdalena Cardona

Pauline Easley

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Selena Prado

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Puppy Mills are a horrible situation. if you are going to allow them in Texas help the dogs and cats that must live in them . We are not asking for very much there are some states that do not allow puppy mills at all. I wish Texas would do this but we will take one step at a time .

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judie Talbot

Pauline Easley

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Took her to the vet, to find they mill owner had her vocal chords cut. When I had her spayed, her uterus was so rotten the vet & lab thought it was cancerous, thank goodness it wasn't. Then had her teeth cleaned & she ended up having to get all her teeth pulled. Front legs & back are bent. Vet says they were either broken or from being kept in a small cage. This baby went to he'll and back. Thank goodness I'm able to give her a bit of heaven.

Please protect our precious animals from puppy mills. They don't deserve the life that's given to them in the puppy mill.

Thank you for reading this,
Vicki Cisneros
Alvin, Texas

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicki Cisneros

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Stop it please...anyone with compassion can see how wrong this is...

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Sincerely,

Sharon Adamo Pratt

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Animal lovers vote!

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Janet Barker

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As a Texas resident and very concerned animal welfare advocate, and as a minimum to another living being, please strongly consider these modest improvements in the lives of these caged animals. It is sad to think humans willingly promote these practices for personal gain; together can we take these small steps to ensure at least some safety for these future pets. These dogs should not have to suffer.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Aiona Baker

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Kenneth white

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cbk kallenberg

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Lisa White

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Sincerely,

Baudilio Ovalle

Pauline Easley

From: Marko Vegano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:08 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill rules

I would like to think that with all the killing of stray dogs and cats we, intelligent beings, could come up with a more humane and logical answer to animal over population. The answer is not in better regulating of the puppy mills, but, rather an end to them, or closing the puppy mills that have multiple violations, indefinitely. This would save many dogs and cats from a needless death. How can we keep making more, if we can't take care of the ones we have. It's not logical. And it would help no kill shelters find adaptable homes for so many cats and dogs. And by reducing the need to capture, house and feed so many strays, the amount of tax payer money could be channeled to other neglected areas, such as infrastructure, roads or schools. I know that in every human there is a good person that wants to do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do. I thank you for your time and consideration. And may God bless you for taking care of his creations.

Sincerely,
Marko Madrazo

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"I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man. - Mohandas Gandhi

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Marlenna Bosquez

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Iris Osier

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When they could not sell the dog, they were going to kill him.
For the first 2 years of his life, the poor dog lived in hell.
When I took him in, he looked like he was coming out of one of Hitler's concentration camp. Evil does exist unfortunately and people who abuse animals are only 1 step away from abusing people. Such abuse should not be permitted to take place, these poor innocent creatures only want to give and receive love. If the commerce of animals must exist, it is our moral duty to protect them and put in place a system to secure a safe environment for these poor animals. Please do the right thing, protect these innocent souls from the abuse and the cruelty that puppy mill owners make them endure out of greed.
No animal should suffer like my dog suffered the 1st 2 years of his life, it all depends on you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Cabiness

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
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Tina Solomon

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Please stop puppy mill..

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Lan harwell

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Nora Vaughan

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This cost tax payers money at breeders greed. People who are cruel to animals have no regard for pain or feelings and often lead to harming human life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theresa Morgan

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Cindy Crane

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Please consider these proposals to help dogs and cats who spend their lives in cages at a puppy mill. I have rescued one of these animals and the conditions were deplorable. Animals are not furniture. They are breathing, living, feeling creatures. To make these changes is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Gunn

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For God's sake, fir the dogs' sake, for decency's sake!!!! Please implement these simple improvements at the very least!

Personally, I believe that breeding should be extremely limited. So many dogs are killed every day because we have too many - more than can be taken care of by responsible human beings.

Standards must improve. We must figure out how to police breeders; how to ensure that they are taking care of their breeding stock.

I truly hope you will find it in your hearts to do something for these creatures who have been entrusted into our care.

Edith Reed
16614 Boulder Ridge
San Antonio, Tx 78247

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edith Reed

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There are crowded shelters and pounds here..WHY are we allowing such terrible conditions to happen to animals that people PAY for?? Inexcusable cruelty. REGULATE and INSPECT and make it a CRIME to mass produce these poor animals in deplorable conditions!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Self

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Christine Desjardins

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Lauren Fenenbock

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Mary P. Lockett

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CARLA SINGLETON

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Sincerely,

Hilda Hernandez

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Sincerely,

Anne Goj

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Sincerely,

Ilona Yaeger

Pauline Easley

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Heather Wright

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Sincerely,

Janice Edwards

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Colby Glass

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Chuck Melius

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Sincerely,

Lisa Allis

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Sincerely,

Shelley Johnson

Pauline Easley

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This is the least we can do until puppy mills can be banned altogether. Texas has more abandon, neglected, exploited and abused dogs than many others. I'm a proud Texan but embarrassed that we allow this problem to continue. Please do something!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Louterback

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 6:52 PM
To: Erule Comments
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Valli McShane

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Sincerely,

Laurie B. Ford

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I hate the way the puppy mills are it's not fair that they can treat these little puppies like this and you all know about and won't left a hand to help them and it's not right. You have to help them babies cause you have more power than anyone else and if you don't then I will know how you feel and that you don't have a Heart cause you won't offer to help these little boys are girls. It's not there fault OK but your the only ones that can close them all down and put a stop to animal cruelty please find it in your hearts to help all these poor babies .cause they can't do it thanks Mary young

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Young

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For God's sake take pity on the poor animals living in Filth !! I wour life in a smaould not let my worst enemy live like that. Would YOU like to spend your life in a small cage ? WAKE UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING ! God IS watching.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Chernoff

Pauline Easley

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This is such a bare minimum. These dogs should be raised in a loving environment and should have as much out of door time as typical of the breed with area to walk and run. The health of the dog that is "breeding" should meet a high standard. Animals should not suffer for someone's profit. I'm sure that is a radical idea to some!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Matula

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Sincerely,

Laura bedard

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Donna Baker

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These new requirements are the absolute LEAST we can do for these poor creatures. Not doing so means you approve of dogs pooping & peeing on all the dogs in cages below them. Think about that for a minute.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Harsh

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Ban all puppy mills , it is Inhumane ! ... How is locking a dog away for life and forcing them to breed non-stop any more humane than leaving an animal to suffer from an injury ??? It's not !!! BAN THESE MILLS ! Put yourself in their place , lock yourself away in a cage with no way out , no contact , no way express your pain to anyone who cares ! BAN, BAN , BAN!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Fisher

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Agnes Chrismer

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I'm in totally SUPPORTING & strengthening any &all; regulations that will
Protect ALL animals. Puppy Mills should STOP existing!!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ANNA MUNOZ

Pauline Easley

From: Lisa Higgins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 6:33 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Review of Licensed Breeder Rules - Comment Period

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm emailing regarding my comments to the Licensed Breeder Rules which are currently under review. Below are my comments to the Rules:

1. Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of each other another puts the health and well-being of the dogs in jeopardy and should not be allowed.
2. Doubling the current minimum cage sizes for dogs should make it where the dog can turn around.
3. To allow a dog or cat to be comfortable and without fear of injury, the cage flooring should have a solid area (not wire or mesh).
4. All surgical procedures should be done only by a licensed veterinarian.

Thank you.

Lisa Higgins
1925 Appalachia Drive
Mesquite, TX 75149
Tel: 972/289-6737
[REDACTED]

Pauline Easley

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Sincerely,

Wendy Dearing

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Sincerely,

Nikki Hilton

Pauline Easley

From: Patty Sprong [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 6:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Minimum requirements for breeder dogs

Hello,

I would like to express my concern about breeder dogs in Texas. I would ask that any opportunity to improve their conditions be taken. I have participated in several emergency sheltering operations after puppy mill raids. I know for a fact that these breeders have ZERO concern for the well-being of their dogs. The dogs are just inventory to them.

No matter whatever requirements you set, the breeders will provide even less than that standard of care. Please keep that in mind when setting the minimum requirements. These dogs will never have love, a decent home, or adequate medical care. At least you can help make their daily existence a little better. That is all their life is anyway...existence.

Thank you for your time,

Patty Sprong
Carrollton, TX

Animal Investigation and Response
Red Rover Responder
Love on Wheels Volunteer and Foster
Animal Rescue of Texas Volunteer and Foster

469-867-7153

Pauline Easley

From: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

Shea L. Hales

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Nicole Willingham

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Virginia Morris

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No animal, especially a companion animal, should have to live like this. Please do your part to end this suffering.

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Sincerely,

Theresa Simmerman

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Shirley Meadows

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Carla Pedraza

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I've seen too many of these puppy mill rescued dogs! They have been housed in deplorable conditions, have health issues and often emotional issues as well! We MUST do more to regulate facilities!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Greenlee

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Sherry Cislo

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martha Chambers

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Maria Lozano

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Please help and stop these puppy mills. The puppies suffer and we are the only ones that can help.

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Sheila Hoosier

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I have worked with dogs that came out of these despicable places. I've seen Maltese with years of feces and urine matted into their coats because a dog was above them with a wire floor. I've seen deformed feet from standing on wire floors their whole lives. This MUST end. Please put some teeth in this law that Texas fought so hard to pass.

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Stacy Smith

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Jennifer Wright

Pauline Easley

From: Rebecca Whitehouse [REDACTED]
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Subject: Licensed Breeder regulations

I understand TDLR is conducting a review of the Licensed Breeder regulations. I spoke at hearings prior to the initial passage of the the regulations in 2011. These regulations have been effective in promoting the welfare of animals handled by large scale breeders; however there are some areas where the regulations could be improved:

- Currently the regulations allow for the stacking of primary dog enclosures. This is not a safe practice for the dogs and should be prohibited.
- The regulations should prohibit the situation where dogs and cats could spend their entire lives standing or lying on wire or wire mesh flooring. This can cause damage to their limbs and paws.
- With respect to cage space, under the current rules dogs are provided with insufficient space and barely have enough room to turn around. The minimum space requirements should be doubled, and TDLR should adopt the increased space requirements recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered.
- The rules should prohibit keeping animals in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches 90 or above, or 50 degrees or below.

I hope you will consider making these important changes to the rules to ensure that the goals of the breeder licensing program are successful.

Yours truly,

Rebecca Whitehouse
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