

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 6:00 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.

Please insure that these puppy mill breeders get regular vet care for the animals in their care, proper food and clean water and most importantly a decent place to live that is not stacked on top of each other no wire under their feet and room to run and exercise. Just the decent things required to provide these animals some comfort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glynda Cone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:58 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,

Susan Morrison

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:58 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,

Christina Stirneman

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:58 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.

Present conditions are despicable and as responsible citizens we want humane treatment, not torture for our best friends.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Simmonds

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:57 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,

Kathleen Jaissle

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:53 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.

No animal should have to live their life in a cage. That is absolutely cruel and heartless. I expect you to do everything in your power to insure that animals are not left in cages, except for small periods of time and only when necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Monk

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:53 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,

Greg Loban

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:52 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,

Judy Canon

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:52 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.

I've seen first-hand the shocking conditions that private breeders/puppy mills keep their animals in and strongly urge you to please take this opportunity to improve the lives and well-being of these beautiful animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin Coll

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:49 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,

Deborah Livingston

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:48 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,

Tracy Brown

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:48 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.

I cry when I think about mistreated animals and when it happens and it's sanctioned by a government agency it's disgusting and cruel. Do any members of the Texas Dept of Licensing and Regulation have a pet? Yes? Does he/she love the pet? Would these members put the puppy in a crowded cage to be sold? Please help them!

Melanie

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie Keller

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:43 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,

Denise McConnell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:43 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,

Fred Ortiz

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:42 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,

Jennifer Froh

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:42 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.

I am a first time puppy owner and our family loves our little Beau! How dare people mistreat or kill puppies. This is a senseless act!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Griselda Moreno

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:39 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,

Jessica Hudson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:38 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,

Pam Susslin

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:38 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,

Mrie Cowan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:35 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,

mark blandford

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:35 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.

The mother needs to have at least one year between having babies. The cage has to be cleaned everyday. All the dogs need to have bath at least every 2 weeks and be brushed and groomed regularly. The breeder needs to pass the inspection every year to renew their licenses. The breeder needs to pay for the mandatory inspections with the registration fee. All the puppies need to get health examine and pass the examine before they can sell the puppies, and educate the people if the puppies doesn't come with the "certificate" of the examine, they are not legal to sell them. If the breeder violates the rule, they should be prosecuted and be listed on the "naughty" breeder list that is available to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shiouling Huang

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:32 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,

Jeff Albrecht

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:31 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,

Marcos Martinez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:30 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.

Ban, shut down, outlaw commercial breeding facilities.....Period!! Commercial breeding facilities are only interested in profit/money and have no regard for the welfare of innocent dogs or cats. There are already way to many homeless dogs/cats in Texas as well as needless euthanasia to control their numbers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carleton

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:26 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.

As a first-time pet owner, I purchased a Papillon dog from a local pet store in Texas 13 years ago. She was born in Missouri, obviously in a puppy mill, because less than 3 weeks later she was in a pet hospital on an IV catheter and in a 24-hour-oxygen incubator. They diagnosed her with lung worms, secondary pneumonia, borderline anemia/leukocytes. I was told that the breeder must have had snails or crayfish infected with lung worms on the property, because this is a rare sickness and puppies can only get it from eating them. Apparently my dog had also not been de-wormed by the breeder. I strongly support above safety and unsanitary improvements for all breeding dogs, because of unimaginable suffering going around at the birth site of puppy mill dogs which will affect them during their whole life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Fanale

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:26 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.

Please, I respectfully implore this Dept. to do your obligatory duty to propose specific rules for breeders of dogs who are currently breeding these poor animals in inhumane, substandard conditions. These dogs typically spend all their lives in cages with unsafe and unsanitary environments and their pups are being sold with diseases and other medical conditions to unsuspecting consumers. Please help ensure basic standards for these animals for their wellbeing and safety for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Garza

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:26 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.

Puppy Mills are neither regularized or humane. Dogs are kept in filthy disease infested small containers with the only goal to make money for the barbaric cruel owners. As we live in a supposed civilized age, show empathy and concern by shutting down deplorable Puppy Mills and preventing the owners from committing the same crimes again! Such crimes against nature should earn huge fines and imprisonment!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margarida Brei

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:23 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.

These puppy mill breeders only care about making money. Dogs and puppies in deplorable conditions, deformed, over bred and it's heartbreaking to think this is legal. STRICT requirements need to be met to ensure they are properly cared for, adequate space, time out of their cages for exercise. Please help.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Sorrells

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:22 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.

Please stop this NOW!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marymargaret Zakrzewski

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:20 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.

As an avid animal lover, I am writing to you to make breeder rules stricter. Throughout time, dogs have become members of our families and I can not begin to imagine the types of deplorable conditions these dog breeders maintain. As these poor and defenseless animals have no voice, it is our job to say what is right and what is the law. If you could simply take the time to close your eyes and picture yourself in a tight enclosed cage, stinking of filth and feces, with dogs surrounding you to your right, left and even right above you. This is no way to live and therefore I urge you to make a choice to better the welfare of these animals that are bred for pure profit of a human being.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CRYSTAL GARZA

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:19 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.

How would u like to live in a cage for ur entire life???

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vickie dumont

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:18 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.

How can you allow these breeders to get away with the abuse of animals you are appointed to protect. I am sure that you can get volunteer inspectors if you don't have the budget to see that these helpless animals are better cared for, I wonder if. The public comes out against your department in order to get this problem taken care of.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Burnett

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:14 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,

Kim Sanders George

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:09 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.

If you feel it is necessary to continue to allow puppy mills, which is wrong, please make stricter standards! Adopt not shop! Ban puppy mills

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diana Munoz

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:07 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,

Theresa Hardin

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:06 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,

Karen Law

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:06 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,

Cassie Elizondo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:06 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.

Please help these poor animals from these diplorable conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tammy Brewer

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:04 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,

Charlotte Howard

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:02 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.

How about canceling all licenses for dog breeding , NO MOREPUPPIES ! There are 5 million dogs and puppies put to death in shelters and dog pounds all over the United States. Shut down dog breeding facilities and pass a law that breeding facilities are going to be a thing of the past !

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellen Edwards-Thrasher

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:02 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.

Puppy mills are nothing more than death and breeding ground for more puppies to suffer with no proper care and interaction with people or other animals. Please ban puppy mills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chelleasia digby

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 5:02 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,

Michelle Usher

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:59 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,

Carmen Wallace

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:58 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.

Please do what is necessary for rules and regulations to protect dogs who are being used to make a quick buck. Puppy mills should be outlawed altogether, but the next best thing would be to ensure these dog's health, happiness, cleanliness, etc. I know heartbreaking stories of puppies sold to caring people only to find out the puppies are sick and sometimes do not live very long and the family has to go through the grief of losing a dog they had purchased to love...There are already too many dogs awaiting adoption at reputable shelters, healthy dogs and puppies. Man's best friend (if you are a dog lover) deserves a stricter standard of wellbeing and safety. Thank You

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

KAREN MORRIS

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:58 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,

Patricia Rotunda

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:57 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,

Sharon Bailey

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:54 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,

Heiley Hernandez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:54 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.

Most commercial breeders are disgusting. They are unsanitary and cruelly overcrowded. If you don't believe me, take a 1/2 hour and visit one. You will be shocked.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck MAURER

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:53 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.

I adopted a small schnauzer terrier mix found as a stray. He was severely underweight, scared of everyone. He had no idea how to be a dog, he wouldn't take a treat, bone, or play with a toy. He dug under my fence 3 times in 10 days before gaining my trust. I'm almost positive he was out of a puppy mill! It's taken over a year and half for him to not be so afraid and another adopted dog 6 weeks later taught him to play! This has got to stop!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Donovan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:53 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,

Patricia Kanter-Kennedy

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:52 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.

Stop the puppy mills NOW - let the greedy people who perpetuate these awful conditions get a life and get a job!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Laws

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:52 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,

Pamela Miller

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:52 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.

Animals also experience pain and discomfort and are at the mercy of humans to upgrade their living conditions. Please exercise a little well- deserved compassion for these animals who contribute so much pleasure to our lives!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Odell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:50 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.

Please stop puppy mills. Gods creatures don't deserve to be in a cage all their life. They were put on earth to give companionship and love.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leanne Buck

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:50 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.

When you are presented with an opportunity to stand up for the rights of those who cannot stand up for themselves, will you take it? Can your conscience continue going forward if you choose to ignore the plea for help of innocent animals? As Americans, we take great pride of knowing we are better than China in every aspect, especially our humane laws. We know China has festivals in which dogs are tortured and killed for consumption, so why not prove them how wrong they are once more by putting laws that show how much Americans love our canine friends? Man's best friend needs our protection, please, use your powers and influence to help them out and protect them from being mistreated like they do in third world countries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesus Sosa

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:47 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.

Sounds as if Tx is dashing headlong into the second century with respect to this topic.. and seemingly foster care for your unwanted children as well.

Let's see some good work from our legislators on this one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas Shannon

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:43 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,

Leonid Volovnik

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:43 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.

Puppy mills are cruel and inhumane! Millions of dogs are waiting to be adopted and every large city has a rescue if you want a certain breed. All puppy mills should be banned!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:40 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.

I assume you guys have hearts, and maybe you even have animals that are a part of your family (although I hope you got those from a shelter, where so many of the grown products of puppy mills end up). So, I'd ask you to view these poor, imprisoned animals, which are part of a heinous industry, with some pity and do your utmost to define and strengthen regulations that will make their pathetic lives as comfortable as possible, given that their lives are merely a commodity for subhumans to profit from. Thank you for listening, and for working on behalf of these animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lees

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:40 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.

I personally would like the breeding of dogs to be outlawed and I fully support requiring all pets to be spayed and neutered. As someone who works in the animal welfare field I see first hand the sadness of pet overpopulation. For someone to make a profit off of these lives and contribute so much to the problem, meanwhile taking full advantage of free services offered by some cities here in Texas, this is a tragedy and a waste of efforts and taxpayer money. If the very least we can do is make sure these poor creatures have something to stand on , please do this for them. If the very least we can do is make sure they are not defecating on top of eachother, please do this. We put so much effort into caring for so many unwanted animals, please think of the impact these people are having on an already out of hand situation. While one animal is sentenced to death or life in prison another animal is being bought and sold for hundreds of dollars. Behind the scenes there are the ones who are repeadetedly impregnanted and used up like a machine. The things I see break my heart every day. Let's be the solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Johnson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:38 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.

Please make this law with more restrictions so this doesn't happen any more, it's not their fault their owner threat them like this, they just want to make money and that's all and they don't care how they do it, and mistreat the animals and they have feelings too. All they want is to be cared for and loved. We must stop the abuse now!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gohde

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:37 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,

Roberta Hansen

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:37 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.

It's deplorable and heartbreaking to know that these poor animals don't get to run and play or receive any love and affection. Please make the fines and even jail time steep enough to make these heartless people fear getting caught doing such inhumane business. I'd like to see them put in a cage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James GUERRERO

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:36 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.

I respect your responsibility as our representatives to make dog breeding humane and safe as possible. If The expense of improving conditions forces some breeders into a different line of work so be it. Animals did not choose to live in filth and misery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

priscilla long

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:29 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.

Need to prevent overbreeding between same dog parents , just as with Royalty in humans, incest bred usually results in illness, bad genes and unpredictable behavior and temperaments. Nobody wants that! It is unfair to the "bitches" and puppies that might be destroyed . I hate seeing animals abused and/or neglected . I do not have pets nor children, can not afford either so it is best to have none. Always set up some financial means before starting a kennel. Make it so breeders can only select certain UKC approved canines to assure health guidelines. Require regular and updated Veterinary appointments Per animal to continue permits and no dangerous breeds exceeding approved limits per year. Contracts would allow ASPCA etc to neuter or spade animals if it becomes an imminent danger to public if escaped as an alternative to ceasing lives of the parents. Some can be retrained and conditioned after therapy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Flores

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:29 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,

Patricia Gonzalez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:28 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.

I had the sheer joy of adopting a Cavalier King Charles puppy mill momma. She was left in a field in Fort Bend County almost four years ago at the age of 9 or 10. She was described as a "lactating female" and had a hernia and several infected teeth. She is the sweetest little dog and it breaks my heart that she will only have a safe indoor home with plenty to eat, a warm bed to sleep in, and as much love as I can give her for such a small percentage of her life. She deserved a family to love and to be loved - not the life she had for the majority of her years on earth. Additional regulations are imperative to prevent more puppies and dogs from having to endure the terrible treatment these dogs experience. They all deserve better than The life that Heidi had for all those years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Aquinaldo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:25 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,

Jennifer Rodriguez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:24 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.

I urge you to use your power and position to help these unfortunate animals because it vey obvious that people who have puppy mills don't care about the animals at all. Its just a way for them to make a profit.

We must all protect the animals. We will answer to our Father in Heaven for the way we treat them and/or for turning our back on them when we could have helped them. They are His creation and we are only His stewards. In puppy mills, they have no choice and are held captive. They need our help to survive and they deserve a better life.

Please help them by using your position for the better. Somehow we must stop all this animal cruelty.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janie Orcutt

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:23 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,

PJ Brown

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:23 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,

Robert Newsom

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:23 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,

Cindy Guidroz

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:23 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.

please put a stop to this it is so ridiculous how much of a problem we have now in the United States. we are drowning and pets and they're only facing euthanasia because of their careless owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

catherine carnes

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:22 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,

Anne Rhodes

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:22 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,

Mary Jacob

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:21 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.

I would really like to urge the closing of these facilities altogether as they are cruel, inhumane and horrific! If these places are not banned, then I believe state rules and regulations should exist to make these facilities clean, sanitary and comfortable for the animals. State inspections should be implemented and done once a month and if the standards are not adhered to, there should be fines!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Candler

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:21 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,

Cynthia Barrera

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:18 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,

Vera Yates

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:17 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,

Crystal Campbell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:14 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,

Regina Sailer

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:14 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.

At very least these animals should have a clean safe place that they can move around in. Please, adopt these simple standards to protect these babies that can not protect themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lydia mathis

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:12 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,

Lauren Sanchez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:12 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.

The rules and regulations currently in place for Dog & Cat Breeders are nothing short of allowing these breeders to get away with animal cruelty. They allow most of these people to treat these living beings as nothing more than a commodity for profit. It's heartbreaking and disgusting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Anderson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:11 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,

Phyllis McCarthy

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:10 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,

Inna Sysman

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:10 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,

Fabian Martinez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:07 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.

Personally, I think puppy mills should be outlawed. But, short of that, the least we can do is require those who breed animals for monetary gain, do so with the least pain and abuse. Please do, at least, the actions noted for very basic care of these poor animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Herring

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:06 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.

Please don't ignore this plea to stop horrible breeding conditions. They can't speak for themselves so it is up to us to correct this situation and give them a safe, clean place to live without suffering their whole life. They feel pain mentally and physically too.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paulette Wilson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:06 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,

Carmel Ray

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:06 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.

Let us show the other states how animals should be treated. These dogs are livestock! They are pets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicky Duke

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:06 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,

Susanne Geiger

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:05 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,

Tim Milam

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:05 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.

Please act responsibly and make changes for the positive that will help these dogs as if they were your own, or your children's or your grandchildren pets. They deserve better from you. Please be a light for others and get your good efforts acknowledged on social media !!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Howes

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:04 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,

Toni Frederick

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:01 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.

No matter what your viewpoint is on the correct level of standards and comfortability for puppy mill dogs most Texans can agree that we have come a long way as a society with regards to compassion and overall social growth. We no doubt have problems but Texans have shown over the last 50 years or so that we are a good people. In time I hope that our growth continues and we become the most caring citizens that we can be, for all people and animals across our state and country.

I am very right-leaning politically, but I carry a soft stance when it comes to how animals are taken care of. I am pro-hunting if done for the right reasons and eat more meat than anyone that I know (for protein, and all responsibly supplied, of course). But, in my opinion, it is a no-brainer that all puppy mill dogs have a flat surface to sit, lie, and sleep on at ALL times. They need more space and cages should not be stacked on top of each other like manufactured goods at a warehouse. The fact that we have not progressed to this point in Texas actually pains me. Dogs are still dogs, cats are still cats, etc but we have softened over time and now is an opportunity to make a few changes to rules governing puppy mills that will make a lot of people and animals more comfortable. And for that reason, I urge TDLR to please, please, please make these animals conditions better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Campbell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:01 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,

Velva Perry

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:00 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.

Cat and dog breeders **MUST** be held to a higher standard. It's time for "puppy mills" to be outlawed. We have FAR too many dogs and cats as it is and these "mills" are cruel, unsanitary, and despicable. Please put a stop to them. How many animals are euthanized in this state as a result of them?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dale Peterson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:59 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.

I do not believe that there should even be puppy mills in the state of Texas! The fact that these people are continuing to be allowed to breed animals in such an egregious manner is both baffling and depressing. As a state, we need to rise up to 2016 standards and take care of these animals! No more live animals sold in pet shops. If there are to be animals sold, do like so many other communities are doing and take dogs/cats from shelters and let them be given a chance! Texas, you have an opportunity to do something right. Let it begin here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Guertin

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:58 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.

It is already bad that people shop for these dogs instead of adopting the millions of shelter dogs that need good homes. But because of the demand for pure breeds, terrible people who are only in it for the money make these dog's lives miserable from birth and make the females have litter after litter after litter with no regard for their well being! It is sick. It is deplorable. If we can do something to improve conditions, we need to for the good of humanity. For we can't call ourselves human without possessing the ability to be humane. These dogs need to be treated humanely as we would treat our most beloved pet. Please help us help these poor animals because if we don't, who will?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lyliana Gonzalez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:54 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,

John Rhoades

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:53 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,

Elise Gibson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:51 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.

I know people who bought their dog from a store not realizing it came from a puppy mill. They had all kinds of medical problems with the dog. After spending a lot of money they lost their dog anyway, breaking their hearts. This should never be allowed to happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Kowalski

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:51 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,

Mary Heifner

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:50 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,

Monica Molpus

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:49 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,

Bruce Bryant

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments to the Licensed Breeder Rules

In response to your request for comments to the Licensed Breeder Rules currently under review by your department, please consider the following:

1. The Animal Breeders Questionnaire and all other forms and documents submitted by dog and cat breeders regarding their license and other requirements under the Licensed Breeders Act and Rules should require a certification under penalty of perjury as to their correctness, completeness and truthfulness. Much of the enforcement is done based on these submissions and this additional requirement is necessary if the department is depending upon their accuracy and correctness.
2. The current minimum cage sizes for dogs should be doubled.
3. The cage flooring should have sufficient solid area (not wire or mesh) to allow the dog or cat a place where they can be comfortable and without fear of injury.
4. Surgical procedures such as castration, tail and ear docking and de-barking should be done only by a licensed veterinarian.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Robert L. Trimble
8333 Douglas Avenue, Suite 1350
Dallas, Texas 75225
Tel: (214) 855-2960
Fax: (214) 855-8858
Email: [REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:48 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.

I personally have rescued a dog and saw the conditions under which the small dogs were housed. in tiny wire cages, elderly females who couldn't walk were kept pregnant. The bigger dogs were chained. My own puppy spent months ridding him of every parasite that exists. The wife told me that the dogs ate what they found in dumps and whatever Walmart might have own sell. It was terrible and Texas needs to do something about it. We are a better state than this. Thank you terry dodson

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry dodson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:47 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.

The misuse these animals suffer, and the inhumane treatment is nothing less than abuse. The people doing it then are rewarded with a profit for abusing these poor dogs? It is unthinkable. Please put a stop to puppy mills and more closely regulate the 'Responsible' breeders. The animals kept in these conditions are tortured on a daily basis and throw away or starved to death once they stop making money for their 'masters'. The puppies that come from them often have health problems or behavioral problems and end up in the pound or worse. Stopping puppy mills would go a long way to putting an end to the thousands of dogs that are deemed unwanted and are destroyed on a daily basis. PLEASE HELP!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paula "Lisa" Doeling

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:47 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,

Marifel Sumogat

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:44 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,

Nancy Freyer

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:43 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,

Martin Manzo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:43 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.

We are supposed to be the evolved, the intelligent, the caretakers..... What the H_____ is happening?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Omvig

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:41 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.

I have rescued a puppy mill dog and he is a loving and sweet little guy, but he clearly has been very badly treated in the past and he has health issues. Puppy mills are disgusting and should be illegal. They are cruel and they perpetuate the problem of too many homeless pets. Plenty of "pure breed" dogs are in shelters across the country, many of whom are euthanized before they ever get a chance at having a loving home simply because our shelters are overcrowded. Anyone who condones the horrific conditions and abusive treatment puppy mill dogs endure should be ashamed of themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mulas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:40 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,

bobbie rivier

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:40 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,

Elaine Reynolds

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:37 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,

Kirby Volzke

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:36 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.

These dogs did not choose to be breeding stock. They have no voices. You and we are the only voices they have. Please ensure that breeders provide appropriate, sanitary, comfortable housing for these dogs that only function to produce a source of profit for the breeder. You would think the breeders would WANT to provide the best of care for their living, breathing, feeling income-producers! Reputable breeders, for the most part, do. The breeders that have no feelings for their inventory of income-producing dogs and cats seem to not care at all. PLEASE amend or add rules that will create a more hospitable environment for these caged income-producing animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GALE DAVID

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:35 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,

Cynthia Angulo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:34 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.

Please take the positive action to protect and punish the bad behavior of these puppy mill breeders. It is the least we can do for the animals housed in the deplorable conditions that some of these puppy mill breeders insist on in their trade.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Burrows

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:34 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,

jesse whipkey

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:40 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,

Sheri Anderson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:33 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.

Dogs are happy animals, they shouldn't be contained in small unmaintained cages. They just need space to be able to lay out, it's not their fault that they're in that position so why treat them like it is. All dogs just need love and they'll be so much better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

lindsey lozano

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:32 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,

jan holender

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:32 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,

Vickie Ballard

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:31 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.

No dog should have to spend his or her entire life in a cage. We need to act now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Arndt

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Dogs on chains.

Dogs should not be chained up all the time. It's very cruel, especially in the Texas heat. They need cover from the heat and sun. They need water available at all times. If you own a dog you should provide the dog with a fenced yard and the ability to go in and out when needed. I moved here from Oregon and was shocked at how dogs were treated here. There should be groups like fences for fidos that help put up fences for those who can't afford it but otherwise are good dog owners. My way of thinking is if you can't handle being chained up 24/7 in the sun then neither can your dog.

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:30 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,

Colleen Grindele

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:29 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,

sandra aguilar

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:29 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,

Lisa Eaves

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:26 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,

Vicky Tunnell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:25 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.

Many of these dogs are abused and not cared for properly. This also needs to be addressed. They need proper food and running space and vet care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Craaybeek

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:24 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Request

To Whom it concerns:

People don't need to be breeding dogs or cats. There are millions of cats and dogs killed in shelters annually because people buy pets instead of adopting them. But, until breeding is outlawed, please pass these laws so the dogs and cats are more humanely treated.

- 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.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:24 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,

Diana Cervantes

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:23 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.

Puppy Mills are so appalling. It is hard to believe these exist at all in this day and age; if they continue to be legal the least we can do for those poor souls is set better regulations for them to have a better life. A bed to lay on in the crate, fresh water every day in the crate and exercise requirements throughout the day so they can stretch their legs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenny Yager

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:23 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,

Teresa Burger

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:20 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.

There are too many domesticated animals for any breeding programs to continue and less completely license to supervise. All of the mentioned measures need to be taken to ensure the safety of the animals and prevent cruelty. Consider that this is a living thing and ask yourself would you treat a child the same way?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharla Ensle

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:19 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.

I strongly ask that you take action to improve the terrible conditions these dogs are living in...we should and can do better. these animals deserve a basic standard of wellbeing...please act now...

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

dovie morgan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:19 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,

Adriana Duenez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:17 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.

Please consider the lives of these animals and the abuse that they endure. When these facilities breed purely for money, the lives or care of these dogs are the last thing on their priority list.

Their fate is in your hands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doris Gallagher

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:11 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,

Renee Nesbitt

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:12 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.

I am encouraged to know that this issue has come to the attention of legislators in our great state. It is important that those that are blessed with a voice use it in a way that helps or encourages those that can not speak. Unfortunately, animals fall into that category. There are many animals that suffer all in the name of making a dollar. These animals are kept in conditions that are sad and simply unacceptable.

I would like to see purposeful regulations and guidelines put in place that provides reasonable living conditions, including but not limited to cleanliness, crates or cages and ventilation. I would also like there to be some consideration to basic medical care.

Again, I greatly appreciate any consideration towards saving and/or improving the lives of our furry companions.

Thank you,

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nadine Sackeyfio

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:10 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.

Please be the voice for these helpless and beautiful animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hoang

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:09 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,

Martha Roos

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:08 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,

Diane Keller

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:07 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.

The very least we can do for the poor animals that are stuck in the breed for greed hell is to make sure they get the very best care and housing. The overwhelming majority have never seen a vet, most are sick/injured, all are bred every time they are in heat, discarded like trash when they are no longer a profit center, they are mishandled, mistreated and have no idea what it is to be loved. They can not tell us the horror they live in, but those of us in rescue witness that physical, emotional and social damage done to these innocent victims. The breeders do the very least they can and often falsify records.

If there has to be such facilities then make the rules and regulations the highest of standards to benefit the lives of the animals so the horror ends. Make laws strict, ENFORCE THEM and make the punishment harsh for those who don't follow regulations. Until this is done thousands continue to suffer and we as humans are to blame for not standing up and fighting for them until the end result is only in the animals best interest. Or, shut these greedy, heartless monsters down once and for all. This has gone on for way too long and must be brought under control. You have the power to make that happen. Please use your power to end and protect - not prolong and perpetuate the suffering.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Dolan Lawrence

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:06 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.

About five years ago I purposely adopted a puppy mill survivor. I wanted to give just one dog a better life without cages, breeding, and isolation. As I expected, this dog has issues that should not reside in any dog; she is terrified of strangers, never asks for anything (like food or treats), is incredibly timid even though she has lived in my house with two other dogs for five years. I took her to puppy training (even though she was reputed to be ten years old when I adopted her) and it was a complete failure. She could not adjust to the presence of other dogs and strangers. These are all examples of what to expect when a dog has been in a puppy mill for any length of time. Puppy mills create unnatural fears and obsessions in addition to unattended health issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

nancy wood

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:06 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.

Texans love dogs. Overcrowded, filthy conditions and lack of proper vet care or any sort of affection are terrible things for man's best friend to experience. Dogs are social creatures that require positive human interaction to live well. While it would be preferable to completely outlaw large breeding operations, I understand that small steps must first be made to advance the well being of "breeding dogs". Please put into effect changes to enhance their lives. It is the least we as Texans can do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amber Fee

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:05 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.

I would also request that there be careful consideration to requiring unannounced inspections to ensure that dogs receive timely, appropriate medical care and attention, adequate food and water and that they have lit, safe and temperate environmental conditions. Having rescued a puppy mill spaniel that had been abandoned after she weaned her litter and did not recover, we attended to a tick and flea infested, heartworm positive, emaciated dog that was not even recognizable as a spaniel until we got her well enough to groom effectively. She did not bark, avoided grass, and walked as one who was confined to a small space with wire flooring. When evaluated by the vet, she had already had 2 or 3 litters at the young age of 18 months to 2 years old, almost did not survive the heartworm treatment and had an enlarged heart afterwards. We had her for a little over 6 years before she succumbed prematurely. She was such a timid but loving dog and in her memory, I would wish that breeders would keep some humanity in their practices. Therefore, I respectfully submit these requests for careful consideration and adoption by the Department.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia G. Grantom

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:05 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,

Nicholas wilde

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:05 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.

Please do the right thing for the animals who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Hodges

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:05 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.

We must do something, please act in favor of all the dogs in your life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lesli Frazier

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:04 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,

Leslie Hixson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:03 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,

Pamela Lanagan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:02 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.

Please help our poor dogs and cats that are unable to help themselves. They are dependent on us to provide clean and comfortable living conditions. They deserve better treatment than they currently receive. Please help! Thank you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patti Miller

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:02 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.

While the measures outlined above will help the situation, a far more humane and lasting good would come from outlawing altogether the breeding of animals until such time as the shelters are empty.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Lucas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:01 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,

Jane Ory

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:00 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,

Toby Hurley

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:00 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,

Stephanie Payne

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:58 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.

It's our responsibility to be the animals' caretakers and doing do so humanely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Freda McKenzie

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:58 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.

It's our responsibility to be the animals' caretakers and doing do so humanely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Freda McKenzie

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:58 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.

It's our responsibility to be the animals' caretakers and doing do so humanely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Freda McKenzie

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:57 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,

Jeremy Aune

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:56 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,

Sheryl Ketelsen

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:56 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,

Lilianl Orsak

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:54 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.

If I were President I would make sure that all Puppy Mill's would be shut down. And if caught would have them arrested and throw away a key. This is horrible that people can do this kind of cruel act to innocent animals that only want love. I pray that one day this will end and we will co-exist with not only humanity, but with nature. The problem with the USA the are too lenient with laws. I saw an "eye for an eye, if they hurt the dog and any creature in some horrible way do the same to them. I know that's horrible thinking about it, but come on we all have hearts. Why don't we use it more? I pray for peace for these animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik Whyte

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:53 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.

I've adopted a puppy mill rescue who has seizures because of the poor condition that he was made to live in while in these mills. We have to do better for these innocent animals that don't have a voice of their own. If these were people we wouldn't allow this type of treatment, we have to do more!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Lamas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:51 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.

The current standards are barbaric and overtly cruel. As a veterinarian, I am appalled by the lack of oversight in monitoring commercial breeders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Johnston, DVM, DACVIM

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:50 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,

Martha Gorak

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:50 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.

I wrote President Reagan as a child appealing for an end to puppy mills. Come on America!!! How long does it have to take to do the right thing???

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

kimberly gilbertson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:49 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.

Please help these sweet babies!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Lee

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:49 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,

Tonja duBois

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:48 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,

Karen Matthews

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:46 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,

duane patrick

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:45 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,

Hyla Martin

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:45 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,

Martin Bachop

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:45 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.

I have a little dog that came out of a puppy mill. She had so many issues. Stop this madness please.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Gentry

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:43 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,

Steve Smith

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:42 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.

I would also like to see an initiative for adopting animals from shelters instead of from a breeder. There are rescue groups for purebreds if someone wishes for a particular breed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

amanda pearl

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:42 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.

This is the very LEAST you can do for these innocent animals being abused by the breeders. I wish you would do much more - and enforce the rules once you make them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lovelady

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:42 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.

Puppy mills need to be stopped. No dog should live like that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dale Holman

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR-Review of Licensed Breeders Rules

TO: TEXAS DEPT. of LICENSING and REGULATION

RE: CURRENT REVIEW OF THE LICENSED BREEDERS RULES

In 2011, The Texas Humane Legislation Network was instrumental in the passing of key puppy mill legislation. Once again, the animals need your support, to ensure basic protections for thousands of dogs and cats confined and raised in these breeding facilities in Texas for most of their lives.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is charged with adopting rules to "ensure the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal" in a licensed breeder facility. Currently, TDLR is conducting a review of the Licensed Breeders Rules and, as a Texas resident and animal advocate, I am writing to voice my strong support to further strengthen this program and its standards. Since the passage of this crucial legislation, there have been hundreds of inspections performed and licenses issued showing the continued necessity of this program.

I urge TDLR to strengthen the following standards, which don't go far enough and must be further strengthened, to meet their mandate of ensuring these animals well-being:

- It should be prohibited for animals to be 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 cruelly inhumane and 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.

We clearly need your diligent efforts to support and strengthen the rules by which these such facilities must follow, and your continued inspections to ensure that the necessary standards are met and maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wendler
Vice President – Property Management
KURT SIMONS COMPANY
4201 Bee Caves Rd., Suite A-204
Austin, TX 78746
Phone: 512-327-7070 / Fax: 512-327-2302

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:40 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,

Willard Meier

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:39 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,

Robert Boehm

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Re: HB 1451

1. Is there sufficient critical mass of licensees to justify a licensing program? **NO** Just do the math. This is supposed to be a self-supporting bill.

2. Are there regulatory alternatives to a licensing program? If another entity -- federal, state, or local -- already effectively regulates in this area, a state licensing program may not be necessary. Plenty of laws on the books. We don't need another non enforceable or expensive to enforce, law!

3. Can the licensing program fit the functional business model at TDLR, which relies on electronic applications and renewals, online payments, and integration into our licensing software? Who in the TDLR has animal experience? These are **LIVE** animals that we are talking about. You don't have the knowledge or experience to venture here!

4. Does the program fit with the TDLR competencies? **NO** The Breeder Advisory Committee is biased at best? How many actual breeders are **ON** the Board? Texas is not a Puppy Mill state. There are laws in place that would allow you to close all the puppy mills that you want.

There are many dog breeders out there that are doing their very best for the breed of their choice. Health clearances, guarantees, taking puppies back, screening potential clients. The shelter problems are not the breeders fault. The fault lies in the prior owners that didn't take the time to train the dog of their choice and then abandoned it when it got out of hand.

And lastly, let's fix the problems in **EDUCATION** before we get into people's business about how many dogs they own. Take your budget and pour it into our children. And know that I will personally campaign **AGAINST** any public figure that wastes my hard earned money on stupid bills like this one!

Mark & Debbie Watson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:37 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,

Stefany Garza

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:37 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.

Please treat these poor animals with respect!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Trisha Peterson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:36 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.

It is time for Texas to step up for these defenseless animals! These modest changes can mean the difference between a life of misery and, at least, a humane existence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Lemmons

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:35 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,

Rick Pearson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:35 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.

Please stop this puppy mills the torture of these innocent babies

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

sandy thacker

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:35 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,

Liliana Serrato

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:34 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,

Debbie Green

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:31 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.

Please do whatever it takes to give these animals at least the basics of a normal life...a dry, comfortable place to lay down and a clean, sanitary crate to live in. These animals deserve so much more than that, but at least make it a law that they are given at least that much.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Panda Johnson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:31 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,

Archana Roberts

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:31 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,

Kyle Nesbit

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:31 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,

Dana Gurley

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:30 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.

Help these poor dogsthey deserve better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Corzine

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:30 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,

Julie Burciaga

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:30 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.

We must protect our dogs and cats they were meant to be free and not in cages. Please do the right thing!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

G F Craig

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:30 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.

To whom it may concern, this is in reference to the conditions puppy mill owners are keeping dogs in. If you have never been to one I urge you to, it will break your heart. Cages are small and they are kept in them 24/7. They are stacked on top of each other, when they go to the bathroom it just falls through the cages. These poor animals feet end up deformed from their toes spreading between the cage wires. They are never bathed, petted, loved, given fresh air, or vetted. I wish puppy mills were against the law but since they aren't the very least you could do for the poor dogs is make sure your officers are doing their jobs and not accepting cash for their silence because the dogs ultimately pay the price. Because if you don't think this is happening you are in the dark.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Garrett

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:29 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,

Emily Duncan Tobar

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:28 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,

Amanda Quagliata

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:27 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.

Better yet, shut down all puppy mills altogether! These dogs/cats are so abused and neglected!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dora Rushing

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:26 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,

Helen Coronado

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:25 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.

Stop puppy mills now!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah Johnson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:26 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,

Dan Lents

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:23 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.

As previously stated, these are modest improvements. No innocent creature in America should be cruelly tortured. Too many have suffered and are currently suffering from the hatred and greed of horrible humans. Please be on the side of good when looking to strengthen these regulations.

May God continue to bless this country. May we deserve the blessings given to us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Crystal Ferreira

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:21 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,

Tina Barkkari

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:20 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.

Dogs deserve better than this! Please help improve breeding conditions!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Duskie

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:19 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,

KARLA MORENO

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:18 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.

Please strengthen Dog enclosure standards for Commercial Breeders. They need a place with room and NOT put on top of each other. Need a dry and protected place, with a solid floor not wire. All Breeders need to be STATE LICENSED and STATE REGULATED. I believe if breeders cannot follow the rules they need to be punished. All Dogs (animals) need compassion and care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tricia Trotti

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:17 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.

I additionally want regulations to ensure every dog and puppy has adequate area to run. That includes outdoor time.

If breeders cannot provide for their dogs to have access to proper housing and running space, then they should not be in the business. Period.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

vallee green

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:17 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.

The deplorable conditions that these innocent animals are forced to endure is what some would call "inhumane." Since I've come to believe that humans are the cruelest animals on this earth, I'm not sure that "humane" means what most people intend.

These poor dogs and cats do not deserve to be treated in this horrific manner. Not only do the conditions need to be greatly improved and expanded, but there also needs to be very strong punishment for those who do not follow these rules including jail time, stiff fines and never being allowed to "own" another animal again.

Please take this issue seriously. It is past time for laws to be put into place and to be enforced to protect the innocent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hamshare

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:14 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,

Alma Mireles

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:13 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,

Margaret Sherer

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:12 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,

Maribel perez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:11 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.

Any animal required to remain in an enclosure for more than 6 hours each day should be provided, AT LEAST, a solid resting surface upon which they can lie down, fully stretched out, enough vertical space to be able to stand upright on their hind legs, plus additional space that allows the animal to take at least several steps in each direction. Anything less is cruel and inhumane and does not belong in Texas, where everything is supposedly bigger! Please also disallow the stacking of enclosures on top of one another, as this causes unsafe and unhealthy levels of noise, stress, and disease transmission. There should also be a requirement to provide a certain amount of outdoor access each day to support physical and emotional health. I worked in animal sheltering for 18 years, and breeders must be required to exceed the expectations placed on shelters for proper care and confinement, as they have animals in their care for many years, not just days or weeks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amber Rowland

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:11 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.

I have a two year old dog from a puppy mill and she has many physical issues. I love her so much and it's hard to watch her struggle because of the environment she was born in. Things really do need to change for these animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deanna Simms

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:11 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,

Denise Mohr

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:10 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.

Do the right, just, and moral thing and work towards protection and prevention

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Chase

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:09 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,

Neil Carlson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:08 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,

Tracy Riggs

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:07 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,

Cynthia Zuniga

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:07 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,

Maia Jennejahn

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:06 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,

Eleanor Jones

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:06 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.

Please please please help.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Correira

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:05 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,

Patricia Cherepes

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:05 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,

Kathy Lord

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:05 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.

I would ask that you visit a Breeders facility, and a city run animal shelter, and review the number of pets that do not find a home. Please consider why we are allowing breeders of any kind - if we do all accept that the care of these animals are our responsibility and they do deserve a humane and dignified existence, then we must proceed with action driven by our empathy to correct any suffering, hold those accountable who cause it, and establish a goal that our animals will live a happy and healthy life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Girard

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:03 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.

I urge you to pass better legislation to ensure a minimal standard for these poor, used and abused dogs and cats. That we allow these breeders to profit from helpless animals that have no rights is appalling. Let's stop this today, let's be human beings, PLEASE.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Ayling

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:02 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,

Kalpana Ramakrishna

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:02 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,

Lavern Rice

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:01 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,

Catherine walker-Hooper

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:01 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.

Please do not allow our beautiful state to become another Missouri, Kansas, or Iowa which are known throughout the nation as the location for abysmal "puppy mills." We have a great start now with our licensing and regulatory laws, so it is a wonderful opportunity to further ensure the protections of these sentient beings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Burris

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:00 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,

Elizabeth Moir

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:00 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,

Katharine buffington

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:00 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.

Please do what's right. Thank you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mitchell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:00 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,

Wanda Giraldi

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:59 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,

Sarah Howe

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:58 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,

Jesenia Pagan-Aponte

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:57 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mills

Please strengthen your standards for these tragic animals.
The helpless in all circles of life deserve our compassion.
You have a unique opportunity to make a difference.

Please do all you can.

Ann Marcus

7304 Turtle Creek Blvd.
Dallas, Tx. 75225
214-236-7747 cell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:56 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.

Nothing breaks my heart more than to see 4-legged friends caged or mistreated. I've been a rescue person for as long as I can remember in my 59 years, and I've come accross some horrors that still make me cry. Many of them from puppy mills.

Please, be the voice for these wonderful, 4-legged beings since they have no voice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Georgianne Gale

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:56 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.

Please heed this and make it mandatory that breeders provide stable, safer, and more sanitary conditions for the cats/dogs.

It's archaic that they should live in these conditions for any period of time and we should correct such a horrible happening.

Not only is it deplorable but it can create life long medical conditions for the animal and for some their lives could even be short lived.

We cannot be this. Please. Let's be better. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

S Garcia

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:56 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,

karen pedraza

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:56 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.

I would prefer we have no commercial breeding whatsoever. The animal population is large enough that we have no need for commercial breeding and the deplorable conditions the animals suffer for their entire lives. I have 3 dogs, all of which have been rescues. Until all the rescues are emptied out, we have no need for commercial breeders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris McGatha

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:55 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,

Vickie Lee

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:54 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.

Animals deserve to be treated with respect and compassion. The current conditions are horrible and sinful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erum Paruk

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:54 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,

Maribel perez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:53 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.

I think breeding dogs should be very limited since there are so many homeless, in shelters, and euthanized. Animals (cats and dogs) are dependent on us, if we can't stop breeding, we definitely need to improve the conditions for the animals. Please help them!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracy Eubanks

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:53 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,

Tiphany Nesbit

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:52 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.

People do not need to be breeding any more animals. There are millions of cats and dogs being killed in shelters because people are buying pets instead of adopting. But, until breeding is outlawed, please make the living conditions of these unfortunate animals more humane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Macy

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:52 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 reading this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dru Ferguson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:52 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.

This is an important issue for me and something I feel strongly about.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Honaker

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:52 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,

Katherine Arnold

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:51 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules comment

To whom it may concern,

I would like to ask, in the review of Licensed Breeders Rules, that you will consider the following:

Prohibiting animals from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees, is truly in the best interest of any animal. Animals cannot regulate their body temperature as easily as we can.

Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allow enough room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled. Fostering a dog that was kept in a crate her entire life, I have firsthand seen what problems can develop from this. No animal should have to endure a small, cramped cage.

Please do not allow for dogs and cats to be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives or for long portions at a time. This can result in severe damage to their limbs and paws, as well as their ability to walk. It is highly unsanitary and can lead to a myriad of other problems. This article from the Humane Society of the United States details the horrible conditions this can cause:

http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/pets/puppy_mills/wire_grid_floor_pm_fact_sheet.pdf

Along with the Wire crates, stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed. The wire cage floors are meant to allow feces to drop through, but when cages are stacked, it falls onto the animals below. Feces often cakes cages so heavily it

becomes the only solid surface on which they can stand. This is completely at odds with a dog's natural instinct to live separately from their excrement but they desperately long to feel the security of solid ground beneath their feet. It can also cause deadly and painful illnesses to spread.

I hope that none of these requests seem irrelevant to the committee. I would request much more, but a first step is just taking basic care. I consider these to be extremely basic and hope they can become the norm.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

--

Whitney Brown

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:51 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,

Gabrielle Peak

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:51 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,

Bain Foster

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:51 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.

It is important that animals are not allowed to suffer and rules need to be made to protect these innocent creatures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Divyaa Thadani

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:51 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.

As a citizen of Texas, I think this is extremely important.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Kimball

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:50 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,

Melissa Lugo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:50 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,

Morgan Knoop

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:49 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,

Sheila Granger

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:49 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.

Put a humane face on Texas and pass regulations that will protect both the pups and the people purchasing them. Loving care should be given from the beginning of each puppy's life! Lee Loe, TX Grandmother for Peace

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LEE LOE

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:49 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.

As an ultimate animal lover it truly breaks my soul every time I see or hear of puppy mills. I will speak out against the people that run these unthinkable places for they have no heart or care nothing for the well being of these beautiful animals that all they want to do is give us unconditional love and companionship and all they get is being over breed no love no care no food and especially no love. I ask you to please find it in your heart to make it so hard on people that run these place to be put out of business. I ask you to put yourself in the dog or cat place just for one min. and imagine how they feel day in and day out no food, water in the heat and cold and rain with no one to be their voices. Lets put a stop to this madness.

Sincerely,
Sherry Richardson

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sherry Richardson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:48 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,

Kathleen Pottkotter

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:47 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,

Susanna Hofstra

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:47 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,

Tracy Croteau

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:46 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.

Puppy mills need to be shut down! They are horrible acts of cruelty for animals and they need to stop breeding in terrible conditions. Please and now! It's important for these puppy mills to be taken out one by one and fined to the max so that none open. It is inhumane!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Francesca Maese

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:44 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,

Kimberly McBroom

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:44 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,

Wendy Garcia

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:43 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,

Heather Oetker

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:43 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.

Please strengthen your laws as they pertain to breeders so that people who run puppy mills find it uneconomical to do so. When laws and penalties are strengthened and enforced, puppy mill operators can be prosecuted to the extent that running a puppy mill will no longer be feasible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Juley Welch

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:42 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.

Please help these poor babies as I lost mine I have a very very special place in my heart for these animals please don't hurt them

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Blackwell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:42 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.

Don't we have enough dogs in Texas without breeders and puppy mills adding to the tens of thousands of deaths each year? Please have stricter laws and put an end to puppy mills...they are poorly regulated by the government and promote animal abuse and cruelty. Also make it illegal to sell animals at flea markets in Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mollie Cook

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:41 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.

Please SHUT THESE PUPPY MILLS DOWN!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Jeffers

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:41 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,

Luis Ogazon

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:40 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,

Lois Cline

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:40 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.

Our companion animals do not have to originate in breeding facilities that are cruel and inhumane. Please support improvements to these animals lives so that the pleasure of sharing animal companionship does not cause pain at the hands of heartless profiteers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Leighton-Burwell

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:39 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.

These rules are the very least that can be done to ensure that these breeding dogs/cats at least have basic safety. If I had my way, the majority of commercial breeding would be outlawed. They are the reason that so many animals are suffering today, either in shelters or in their facilities. The only reason I am not completely against it is because I understand that some dog breeds offer legitimate benefits (ie. German shepherds as service dogs). If these breeders cared anything about animals, these rules would not be necessary and they would likely not be breeders.

These poor, sweet animals have done nothing to deserve this life. The least we can do is give them some basic comforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina McMurtry

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:39 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,

Patricia Garza

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:38 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,

Alicia O'Falan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:38 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.

It's appalling seeing the images of "puppy mill raids" where these poor animals are bred indiscriminately with the minimum of physical care-- and certainly NO affection. Dogs NEED human love and care, folks! Please have laws that promote the well being of these innocent creatures. I really feel for the mother of these dogs who are bred over and over for their puppies while they (the mothers) NEVER have the opportunity to run around on grass and are never loved for anything more than their uterus. Instead, they feel the cold, painful metal bars on their feet. Not all breeders are greedy, but many are. Perhaps laws will limit the callous breeders.

Please provide inspections-- continuously-- and enforce laws.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Gelber

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:38 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,

Donna Wood

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:37 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,

Nancy McArthur

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:37 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.

These are totally deplorable conditions for these young animals please strengthen these regulations to save these puppies!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Patterson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:37 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,

Kenny Holloway

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:36 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.

We can do this easily. If one cannot make room for these minimal improvements to their facilities then clearly it is not a suitable arrangement for living animals, which are being sold at a premium because they are "healthy". Refusal of improvements should be met with mandatory cessation of operations. They're dogs, not crickets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Bradley

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:36 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,

Johney buckley

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:36 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.

Please adopt more pleasant conditions and even limit the number of puppy mills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Brooks

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:36 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,

Linda Nail

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 1:36 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.

Where is the humanity that we are capable of in our treatment of animals? Many of the dog breeders are good and kind people making an effort to raise healthy and happy animals for a good home. Then there is the darker side of animal breeding where man's humanity toward lesser species is lacking. It is those in particular of whom I write you today. If they will not take it upon themselves to run a dog breeding operation that is humane, clean, and devoid of disease then they must be forced, at the threat of losing their license, to run a clean and humane business. What constitutes clean I will leave to your better judgement. We must all work toward treating those in our charge with dignity and kindness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Lawrence