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Elizabeth Park

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A comfortable cage seems like the least we could do for these poor animals. Please do what is necessary to make these changes.

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Debra Johnson

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Breeders need to be licensed and an ASPCA agent sent out to monitor the care and sanitary living quarters, such as we do for foster homes

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Please save these dogs. People that do this to animals should be fined or better locked up.

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Julie Gutierrez

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Thomas Blackwell

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Mary "B" Battaglia

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Unless people are held responsible for breeding healthy animals, this practice WILL continue. How many animals have to suffer in silence before lawmakers do something. It's just the same old adage "Out of Sight, Out of Mind". Animal welfare always seems to go at the bottom of the pile.

We're supposedly the intellectual beings on this planet, but sometimes I have to wonder if we really are. Seems to me people have no conscience and only GREED is the driving force to their lives. Pathetic!

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Jeanette Rea

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Rhonda Thompson

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Puppy mills really should be illegal. The suffering the breeding animals endure and lack of healthcare is deplorable and those who purchase puppies from puppy mills whether the purchase is private or thru a "pet store" are often unhealthy or develop congenital defects as they mature causing heartache for buyers. Puppy mills are barbaric. We do not have baby mills for exactly this sort of reason.

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Penny Halsey

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I truly believe that dogs feel joy, sadness, fear, loneliness and isolation. When they feel joy, it is glorious to see and when they feel sadness, it is incredibly heartbreaking. They speak with their eyes and the eyes of a dog whose life is spent in the horrific conditions found in puppy mills are sad eyes indeed. Please do the humane and moral thing for these angels on earth who love unconditionally. Let them have the joy that they deserve and crave.

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Barbara Kyse

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Doreen Gerczak

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Let's improve the lives of puppy mill dogs ASAP!!!

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Jorge Sotelo

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Rachel Combs

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Janet Gonzalez

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ERIC CHAVEZ

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Michele Haddock

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Anita Faulkner

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Sincerely,

Rachel Combs

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: strengthen requirements for animal breeding facilities

Dear TDLR Policy Makers:

I am writing you to ask for stronger requirements in your review of Licensed Breeder Rules. As the owner of a dog who was rescued from a puppy mill, I know firsthand what kind of devastating conditions most of these animals live in, including within so-called "licensed" breeder facilities. Her name is Tallie and she's a silky terrier. She is blind, deaf, is missing all of her teeth and most of her left ear, and her toes all grew sideways because she spent eight and a half years in a wire-bottomed cage. That kind of treatment of any animal is heinous and inexcusable, yet it continues to happen because breeders are allowed to get away with it. You have the capacity to change that.

I implore you to strengthen and enforce the following standards, which currently are not effective enough for you to meet the mandate of ensuring any animal's well-being:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

I expect you to leverage your influence for the best interests of breeder animals. Short of shutting down all breeders, the next best thing is for your organization and others like it to adopt durable, forcible requirements that are constantly subject to inspection and strictly enforced. We owe it to these innocent animals to protect them instead of the humans who are making their existence a living hell.

Thank you for your attention and your action in this matter.

Best regards,
Lynette Elliott
6622 Genstar Lane
Dallas, TX 75252
(214)704-5858 cell

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 10:43 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that TDLR is currently reviewing its rules regulating puppy mills. I volunteer for a local dog rescue organization, and we often see issues raised by local breeders. The current rules are not enough, so please consider: (1) prohibiting breeders from keeping animals outside when it is hot (over 90 degrees); (2) at least doubling the amount of size required for their space; (3) a prohibition on using wire mesh for their crates; and (4) stacking the crates/enclosures on top of each other.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Rachelle Robles

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeder Rules review

Once again I come before you asking that simple, humane changes occur to the Licensed Breeder Rules. Breeding of companion animals like cats and dogs should be done in a responsible and reasonable fashion. This includes:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees;
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Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Bridge

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 8:19 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy and Kitten Mills

Please adopt more stringent laws governing humane treatment of animals in any kind of mill.
We are the care-takers of God's creatures and should not knowingly let them be treated poorly.
Sincerely yours,
D. Sue Patterson

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 7:01 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB1451

Please repeal HB1451.

It has done no good and it is costly. It only tries to supplement the wants of the few extremists.....

Lynn Eggers

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:38 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB 1451

Repeal HB 1451

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 8:14 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Puppy Mills can be a cruel and inhumane environment for the dogs that are there solely for the purpose of breeding. I would prefer to see puppy mills outlawed completely in this great state of Texas. Short of that becoming reality, please support strengthening these standards (at minimum), to mandate an improved living environment for these animals:

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Please be a voice for the animals that can't defend themselves.

Sincerely,

**Karen Phillips
KPA CPT, ABCDT
972 822 4369**

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 6:17 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: PUPPY MILLS



I shall not mince words: These are horrible places that display unusual cruelty and total disregard for animals. To allow this to continue speaks to your own ignorance and cruelty.
LSKB

Laurel Sunnie Knox-Bierman The Knox Firm 123 Lakeside Dr. Nassau Bay, TX 77501 @Shelawyer999



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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Rules Need To be Strengthened

Please strengthen our puppy mill rules to save more lives. They are counting on us!

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Respectfully,

Suzanne Fourmigue
Temple, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills in Texas

To whom this may concern:

Being a concerned member of the human race, we have a responsibility as guardians and caretakers of the animals' well being. Knowing that there are a centers, mills, and organizations that take the initiative to take on that role; there are basic standards that need to be met such as:

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Again, these are the basics and very important for any living creature being taken care of. We tend to forget that its not always about us and we are not alone but to live in harmony and peace. We have to be the example, hence the phrase, "Monkey see, monkey do. Thank you for your time. And may the Heavenly Father direct our paths.

A fellow member of life and light

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 4:21 PM
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Dogs and cats are two of the most abused animals in the world. They need our voices to protect them from neglect, from being kept in the heat or the cold, dogs and cats being chained up or enclosed without food nor water or proper housing if outside to get out of the rain, cold or snow. Kennels they're being kept in are barely big enough for them to lie down and they shouldn't be made to stand on wire mesh which can be harmful to their paws and joints. Kennels should be much bigger. And of course, stacking their kennels shouldn't be allowed at all because of feces and urine going from one kennel to another which can cause severe sickness in the animals. There are millions of dogs and cats being euthanized every day that need loving, furever homes, so why are we allowing the breeding of more. Let's put an end to this now.

Brenda Miller

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: In Support of Improving Rules and Standards for Licensed Breeders

I am writing in support of strengthening the rules and standards for licensed dog breeders. Although progress has been made since the passage of the puppy mill legislation in 2011, much more needs to be done to protect our most vulnerable animals against owners that care only for the money they make from breeding dogs. Specifically, I support legislation that ensures dogs must be kept in healthy temperature environments, prohibits owners from keeping dogs in wire and wire mesh floors. The space requirement for dogs should minimally be doubled, to allow dogs the "luxury" of being able to turn around in their cages, and stacking dog cages should never be allowed.

These seem like such basic requests, yet I know there are owners who care nothing for the comfort of the dogs, only how many puppies they can breed to make money. At some point, these breeders need to be held accountable for how they treat these dogs. The owners are not going to improve conditions unless it is mandatory. We need to ensure that we are the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Sincerely,

Mary Lind

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR Review - Chapter 91 : Licensed Breeders Rules
Importance: High

To : Licensed Breeders Rules Advisory Committee

Understanding that Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91 is currently under review by the TDLR agency, please consider the following revisions which improve the well-being of animals in the care of Licensed Breeders :

1. Animals should be kept inside when the outdoor temperature reaches 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
2. The minimum allowed space per animal should be doubled so the animal can have some movement and be able to turn around with ease.
3. Dogs and cats should not be allowed to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives which can cause severe damage to their limbs, paws and is unsanitary.
4. Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of dogs and should not be allowed.

Please take these considerations under review which represent changes to the original rules and increase the well-being of the animals.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Louis D Marks Jr
Hurst TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HB 1451 "Puppy Mill" Bill

Please repeal this unneeded and useless bill. There are federal laws already covering these things, and Texas has far better places to spend the money this bill is costing.

Thank you,

Charlee Helms
Midland, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy ills

After attempting to close a puppy mill in Bulverde and viewing the terrible conditions of these dogs, I think it is important to strengthen the laws so that animals are treated humanely and conditions that I observed at this puppy mill no longer exist in the state of Texas.

Sent from my iPad

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 12:46 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Thank you so much for helping to improve the lives of animals confined in breeding facilities. I hope the standards can soon be upgraded to the following conditions:

- 1) No animal can be confined outdoors with temperatures below 50 degrees or above 90 degrees
- 2) Minimum required space for dogs should be doubled, so dogs can at least get up and turn around
- 3) No dog or cat should be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh, which can be severely damaging to their coats, paws, and limbs
- 4) Dogs should not be confined in enclosures stacked one on top of the other, which harms their health and well-being

Many animals spend most of their lives in these facilities. I urge you to do everything possible to make their time less stressful. I appreciate your hard work and caring of behalf of the animals.

Janice McGarrah
205 Oak Lane
Eules, Texas 76039
817-540-3271

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 12:10 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Please increase and strengthen the basic protections for thousands of dogs and cats confined and raised in breeding facilities in Texas.

Thank You!

Stew Adams

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules Review

Hello,

I would like to voice my support of enhanced regulations to ensure a basic level of safety and comfort to animals being bred as family members and companions. It is necessary to enact these rules to avoid exploitation of the animals by breeders focused on profits over health and safety.

I whole heartedly agree with the recommendations made by the Texas Humane legislation Network listed below. I firmly believe that any reasonable, ethical and responsible breeder would consider all of the actions below basic and necessary.

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Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Ethan Sonne

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills in Texas | review of the Licensed Breeders Rules

Hello Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR),

Good morning. As a long standing animal advocate and pet owner, I urge your department to strengthen the following standards to meet your mandate of ensuring animals well-being in our beloved Texas:

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I thank you from every fiber in my being for the hundreds of inspections performed and licenses issued since the passage of this crucial legislation. Let us continue working together wholeheartedly for the thousands of cats & dogs entrapped in breeding facilities to strengthen their well being and environment. Let's give them the respect and dignity they deserve!

All the best,

Kimber
512-789-2988

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.

-St. Francis of Assisi

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 6:59 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Public Comment Re: Puppy Mills

Dear TDLR,

I understand you are receiving public comment regarding the puppy mill licensing and adopting rules.

My comments are below, but I'd like to first say that I'm against the commercial puppy mill industry as a whole. I've just seen too many atrocities, and very little humane treatment. That said, here are my comments:

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

Thank you for hearing my suggestions and beliefs, and thank you for doing everything possible to better the lives of these precious, innocent, animals!

Blessings,
Linda S. Churchwell
381 Casa Linda Plaza, #130
Dallas, Texas 75218
[REDACTED]

"A righteous man regards the life of his beast" Proverbs 12:10

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 12:08 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Dear Governor –

I've been following the progress of the Animal Rights laws in your state, and it really depresses me. I always thought Texas was proud of their history and their ranches. It's hard to believe that the such a history is being thrown down the proverbial well – by your politicians in favor of Animal Rights nuts instead of honoring your history of ranches and rodeos and the love of working animals.

In 2011, your politicians allowed non-ranchers, non-breeders, non-thinking to adopt policies from the H\$U\$ and PETA and such. Now they're pushing for more. You can't negotiate with terrorists. Those who have nothing to lose – are unable to compromise! That's a basic tenet!! IF you want to destroy your state and the rights the founders of Texas sacrificed for, that's a crying shame.

You need to stop and use your brains – not allow the emotional anthropomorphism to take control. Listen to those who are REALLY experts – not the nuts who don't want people to have working animals, people who don't want others to have pets, and people who want to force the general populace into a vegan lifestyle. Give them an inch – they will NEVER be satisfied until there's nothing left. That just does NOT fit with everything I've ever learned about Texas and its peoples!

Regards –
Carol Hamilton

"Pedigree indicates what the animal should be. Conformation indicates what the animal appears to be. But performance indicates what the animal actually is." Anonymous

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 9:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

I have been an Animal Control Officer since 1984.

We as Animal Control Officers have been fighting the local fight in our areas of jurisdiction, we need laws that can back us up .

Puppy mills are not only barbaric (I don't know why you can't see that) the people who run them are beyond disgusting.

These animal should always be in a climate controlled environment on the ground in an appropriate sized kennel. Never standing on wire.

It is my prayer that one day these state of Texas get rid of puppy mills all together, I have been waiting 31 years these dogs have been waiting an eternity!

Sent from my iPad

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 7:19 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please strengthen standards for dog breeders

I am writing to ask you to strengthen the standards for dog breeders, which currently don't go far enough.

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

I live in Houston, and there is already a huge problem with overpopulation of dogs, leading to suffering and an untold number of dogs having to be put down. Breeders contributing to the problem need to be held accountable and ensure humane treatment of the animals they are bringing into society.

I understand that The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is charged with adopting rules to "ensure the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal" in a licensed breeder facility.

Please consider this in meeting your mandate of ensuring the well-being of these innocent animals.

Nephi Ferguson
5912 Luna St.
Houston, Texas 77076-4111

[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 6:29 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Dear TDLR,

After reading that you are reviewing of the Licensed Breeders Rules, I wish to submit my concerns and respectfully urge your organization to expand on the below standards to help guarantee protection for the thousands of dogs and cats that are depending on you for basic humane treatment;

1. Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Please consider the quote by Abraham Lincoln; "I care not much for a man's religion whose dog or cat are not the better for it."

We could also say that about our laws; they are only as just as they protect the weakest members of our society. And compassion should never be trumped by greed or profit.

Thank you,

Juli Kring

[REDACTED]
12400 Brookglade Cr 42
Houston, Tx 77099
USA

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mills need to be banned

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

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The only reason some people are lost in thought is that they're total strangers there.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 1:25 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

Please pass legislation to tighten restrictions on breeders. Temperatures that animals can be left outdoors, as well as caging restrictions for flooring, and no stacking crates or cages. I think all breeders should be licensed & inspected!!

Sincerely,
D. Ruszkowski

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Standards

TREATING ANIMALS POORLY SHAMES TEXAS. Therefore I support the following:

Outdoor facilities should be prohibited when temperatures are more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.

Eliminate wire or wire mesh cages.

Adequate space in cages for movement.

No stacking of cages

Thank you for addressing this issue
Dorothy Lauterbach

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthening puppy mill legislation

Hello -

I am a true animal lover and I strongly believe in animal rights' and well being. I am very much against puppy mills, but if it's not possible to outlaw puppy mills, I believe there should be some strong humane standards. With the recent passing of puppy mill legislation, I strongly feel the laws should be strengthened to ensure care and compassion for these animals. Can you imagine only being here on this planet for this reason? To breed. No love, cuddles, kisses... If this has to be for purposes of breeding only, at least mandate proper care of our animals by:

- 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 to the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shelley Sierra-Grubbs

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comment regarding Current review of Licensed Breeders Rules

Sir or Madam:

It is important that individuals who can help the ones who cannot help themselves do so. It is what sets us apart as compassionate, caring adults. Please see recommendations listed below for your consideration in your review of the Licensed Breeders Rules:

- 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.

Best Regards,

Ann Kaesermann

Effective March 21st, Hilcorp Energy Company's new address is 1111 Travis, Houston, TX 77002.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Erule Comments

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- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

These guidelines are essential to the well-being of these animals. We have an obligation to treat them humanely with available resources. Their day to day upkeep should be what we would expect for our own pets.

Whitney Miranda
Dallas, Tx

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Standards should be strengthened for the sale of puppies and kittens in these disgusting facilities. Having volunteered in animal rescue for almost 20 years, I have witnessed the abuse these poor living breathing animals suffer. They should be against the law, but by raising the standards and by ENFORCING THESE LAWS it is a start to shutting them down.

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

Thank you,
Rhonda Hunt

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Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. - Mark Twain

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 8:22 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Dog Breeders

I purchased a puppy 7 years ago from a pet store, all my other dogs came as rescues, this was my first dog purchase, I asked all the right questions but was deceived, he was so sick his first 9 months, cost me over 1,500\$ in vet bills. 2 months after purchasing I looked up his breeder, he came from a puppy mill. Luckily for me he has no behavior issues. I have worked on a farm and understand our pets are considered property. Full scale breeders need stricter polices to make the animals healthier, and to have humane lives, and to protect the consumer when they purchase a puppy. The laws currently are not strict enough. Thank you for your consideration

Sent from my iPad

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comment re standards for dog breeders

Hello,

I am writing to submit comments in support of strengthening the standards for the treatment of dogs and cats in breeding operations. I am a Texan and a pet owner and it's very important to me that companion animals are treated humanely in our state. Please consider these standards:

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

I appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Lisa Shirley
221 S. Edgefield Ave.
Dallas, TX 75208

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 5:39 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Regulations for Licensed Breeding Facilities for Animals

TDLR:

Your department is charged with adopting rules to ensure the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal in licensed breeding facilities.

Please strengthen the rules to protect these helpless animals, as follows:

- (1) prohibit animals from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees;
- (2) 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;
- (3) 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;and
- (4) Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you.

Brenda H. Collier
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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 1:00 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Greetings:

Please remember companion animals cannot speak for themselves. They depend on us to do the right thing for them. I am urging the TDLR to strengthen the following standards to ensure the well-being of animals:

- 1) Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 and paws and is highly unsanitary.
- 4) Stacking primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you,
Connie Hodges

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 1:00 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Policy Makers:

Please strengthen animal care laws and regulations to include the following.

- 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.

Sincerely,

Catherine Williams
Texas Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 12:56 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Greetings:

Please remember companion animals cannot speak for themselves. They depend on us to do the right thing for them. I am urging the TDLR to strengthen the following standards to ensure the well-being of animals:

- 1) Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 and paws and is highly unsanitary.
- 4) Stacking primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you,
Connie Hodges

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 12:25 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Breeder regulations

Dear Legislator,

Animal breeding operations in Central Texas need to be made to provide humane conditions. Please consider implementing the following changes to protect breeding animals in Central Texas.

- 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.

Our Central Texas community should be proud of how we treat our animals. Treating animals well translates to an increase in empathy among the community and can decrease violent crime. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Your constituent,
Heather Lucas
10800 Slaughter Creek Drive
Austin, Texas 78748

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:41 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Review of Licensed Breeders Rules - Comments

Hello,

I am writing to say that I think the rules for licensed animal breeders need to be strengthened to improve quality of life for these animals.

I urge you to strengthen the following standards in order to make these rules more humane:

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

Thank you,

Stephanie Smith

Austin, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:18 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

It is time to stop the cruelty of puppy mills. Quite frankly they need to be shut down. Sadly, I know that won't happen now. It is imperative that these animals have the best quality of life. They are constantly being breed, kept in small cages with wire floors-lack companionship (dogs are pack animals) and more-all very cruel. Rules of compassion must be a priority!! All my animals are recused- and they are the best.

Sincerely,
L Kifer

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:08 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

Dear Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation:

Please strengthen the following standards. They must be strengthened because they don't go far enough, to meet the mandate of ensuring animals well-being:

- 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.

These standards are important to me because I can't imagine the mistreatment these poor animals must have to endure.

Put yourself in their place. How would you feel? Then make your decision.

Thank you

**Miss Adelle Siska
Deer Park, Texas**

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 7:49 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Dogs can feel pain-even though they don't have to ability to talk and let us know it

Good Evening,

I would like to urge you to strengthen standards on the following:

- 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.
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Just because a dog can't vocalize-does not mean they cannot suffer or that they do not have feelings or intellect. If we would not subject a human to even half of this cruelty-we should not subject an animal to it.

Thank you for your consideration to help animals who deserve better treatment and kindness from humans.

Julia S.
[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:41 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill regulations need strenghtening

Texas laws regarding Puppy Mills do not go far enough to protect the welfare of the animals.

The following updates are needed to prevent the suffering of dogs and cats by commercial breeders who cut corners and cause harm to animals so that they can make a profit.

The following updates are needed:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Please implement these needed changes to the law so that these animals in puppy mills do not suffer terrible conditions for their entire lives.

Sincerely,
Leslie Currens
6404 Deer Hollow lane
Austin, TX 78750

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:09 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: End puppy mills

Please end the practice of puppy mills in Texas. The act of selling animals for profit is a sick practice. If Texans truly value life, this practice needs to end.

- 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.
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Sincerely,

Michael O'Brien
Fort Worth, TX

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 5:26 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeder Rules

I urge you to strengthen the following standards to meet the mandate of ensuring dogs' and cats' well-being:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Animals should never be left to stand and lie in wire crates for hours, It is so inhumane!

Thank you,

Linda Brunette

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: outreach@texashumanenetwork.org
Subject: Please Strengthen the Licensed Breeders Rules

Thank you for accepting public comments about Licensed Breeders Rules!

Every step we take toward ending animal suffering will help us create a more caring and compassionate society. **Please strengthen the following standards – they're good for the animals and good for Texas:**

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

Lauren Blood

New Braunfels, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:39 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill legislation.

We are glad that crucial legislation has been passed. But please consider these law changes to help make the lives of these dogs more bare able. These changes will improve their quality of life. Thank you God Bless.

Tasha Jones
Shooting Star Farms
God bless

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthening Standards for Animal Welfare

Apart from the upgraded standards providing more humane treatment of the animals and improving their overall health, it will increase the animals' ability to adapt when placed in a permanent home. Poor treatment yields a poorly socialized and often fearful animal which is often returned or even abandoned. Therefore, for the benefit of animal welfare, animal control and the economics associated with these issues, the new standards should be adopted and rigorously enforced.

Carole Foley

215 W. Mistletoe Ave #A

San Antonio, Tx 78212

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills in Texas

Dear Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation,
I'm writing regarding ensuring the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal in a licensed breeder facility.

Humane conditions should be a standard for all facilities.

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

Thank you,

Betsy Peterson
14315 Overbrook Ln
Houston, TX 77077

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: On Licensed Breeders

Greetings,

I am reaching out to kindly ask that you please strengthen the below standards to further protect animals raised by breeders:

- We need tighter rules on keeping animals in any outdoor space without temperature regulation, when the weather goes above 90° F or below 50° F.
- Animals in the care of breeders should never be on fencing or wire ground/cages instead of a flat surface, and when in a crate they should not be stacked without each sitting on a flat surface, being the ground or a shelf. Furthermore, I believe we need to restrict the number of hours a day that animals are forced to stay caged to no longer than 4 hours in any given consecutive period, given that in most instances the animals have insufficient space.

Please let me know if there is something additional that can be done by caring citizens to empower you further to enforce stricter rules and regulations towards the protection of these animals.

Thank You,

.....
Alfredo Pina

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 2:36 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules Review

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the TDLR is currently accepting public comment regarding review of the Licensed Breeders Rules. I would like to point out the following standards, which must be strengthened in order to ensure the well-being of the animals:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- 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 on 100% wire or wire mesh 24/7 for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Megan Hood
Independent Artist
email: [REDACTED]

"Love yourself, because you are beautiful just as you are."

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 2:02 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR

Dear TDLR,

Please consider improving the guidelines for the business of breeding animals for a profit.

The amount of space for animals that are kept for long periods of time is very important not only for comfort, physical health but also mental health. This space should be triple what is being provided. All animals should have freedom to sit, stand, turn around and be allowed to exercise in order to obtain the bare standards of life. Why are "breeding" animals punished? If the Advisory Board initially recommended more space, then why isn't it followed. Why have a Board at all if their advise is not followed?

City shelters provide much more for their animals. They are housed in air and heat, large cages and allowed to exercise because it is proven to keep them healthy and reduce stress. Everyone knows city shelters are not in place to make money or be a business, in most cases for cities it is a negative as far as profit goes. With breeders who make money on these animals and maybe it is their only business one would think they would take better care of their investments, not to mention be more humane.

These are the very reasons people are starting to turn away from breeders, the word is out. Please do your part in "cleaning" this mess up and enforce better standards for these animals.

Humane treatment of all animals, breeding, sheltered, wild, or domestic is our responsibility. People depend on organizations such as yourselves to maintain this line. We all look to you to speak for the voiceless. TDLR and other organizations were developed to oversee things the public can not. Please consider stepping up the mandates for these and all animals you oversee.

Depending on you,

Tom and Judi Hacker
Texas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Regulations ~ Comment ...

Dear TDLR:

We need to do better for them. Please help!

- 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.

Please give God's precious animals more comfort during their lives.

Thank you.

Pamela Bertsch
7001 Portobello Drive
Plano, TX 75024
469 525-2180

Pj's iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:31 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas Puppy Mills

We must put a stop to puppy mills! They are poor conditions for any animal to live in.

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

Thank you for your time,
Brooke Loafman

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:22 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill , basic protection / keep people from paying their rent at the expense of cruelty to innocent animals

There are enough animals we don't need lazy ignorance , please stand, for those that cant. Thank you. LEE CLARK

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:11 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Put an end to puppy mill cruelty

I firmly believe that puppy and kitten mills should be completely abolished. The conditions are awful and no creature should have to endure being confined to a wire cage. At the bare minimum, licensed breeders should be required to adhere to the following:

- Strict limits should be placed on the number of animals in their care
- Facilities should be subject to random inspections
- Animals should NOT be kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- The minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered. Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animal to turn around.
- 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.

Please, please help put an end to needless animal suffering by increasing the standards. Thank you very much.

Anita Daniels
Grapevine, TX

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:03 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: standards for animals

As animal lovers and advocates of kinder, better, healthier treatment of animals, we are copying some standards that we agree should be upheld in our state. We hope that you will make sure that these standards are adopted and enforced as much as is humanly possible.

We are the guardians of our planet and its inhabitants, and as such, we only have ourselves to blame if creatures of any kind are mistreated by other humans when they don't have to be. Yes, it costs more to give a dog or cat an adequate place to live when it is institutionalized, but money should not be a barrier to humane treatment.

Thank you very much.

Curtis and Jane Hoffman

Dallas TX

- 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: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:53 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TEXAS PUPPY MILLS - Please strengthen the following standards

TDLR,

My dog, Vinny, was rescued from a puppy mill/breeder near Houston, Texas some years ago. When he was a puppy, he was kept in a wired cage, and still has scars all over his legs and belly to prove it. His growth was also stunted in result to this. This is no way to keep an animal, an intelligent, sentient animal. What happened to him, and many others to this day, is animal cruelty.

I am writing to express my deep concern about the current standards of dog breeders and mill facilities within the state of Texas. These regulations and standards need to be updated, and better suited at preventing animal cruelty and neglect. I urge TDLR to do better, there is a huge lack of ethics in the breeding industry due to profit and greed.

I am against the exploitation of any animal, but dog and cat breeding is an outdated practice that keeps contributing to the growing homeless pet population within our state, not to forget the lack of pet education and neuter/spaying services in Texas. Please, there has to be change and improvement for these animals well being.

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

Thank you,
Kelsie Haseloff
Houston, Texas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Standards

Please consider strengthening the standards for licensed breeding facilities to include the following:

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

I feel strongly that additional protections will prevent "breeders" from becoming "puppy mills" or worse, horders.....

Thank you,
Kathy Walker

Rescue the Animals
4620 North First
Abilene, TX 79603
325-698-SPCA

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:42 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

Please strengthen the laws that are intended to protect animals from puppy mills. The entire process should be prohibited. It is unnecessarily adding to the dog population and inherently inhumane. These dogs suffer needlessly. It should be a criminal. No one has the right to impose suffering on another, be it a person or an animal.

Thank you,

Cindy Garcia
Houston, Texas

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Standards for Puppy Mills

To Whom it May Concern:

I urge TDLR to strengthen the following standards to meet your mandate of ensuring these animals well-being:

- 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. I urge TDLR to adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you for taking this into consideration and for taking action.

Sincerely,

Mary Radspinner Cypress, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:13 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Public Comment on Licensed Breeder Rules

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your hard work ensuring that standards of care are met for animals being bred in the state of Texas. I would like you to consider strengthening existent rules with the following additional protections:

1. Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when temperatures surpass 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
2. Minimum housing space should be doubled
.
3. Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives
.
4. Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another should not be allowed.

As a Texan and a tax-payer, I care about animals and would like these **very reasonable accommodations** to be considered in order to ensure the safety and welfare of animals bred in our state.

Sincerely,
Abigail Cameron
512-903-1687

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:11 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Improving Standards

I have recently learned that it is legal for dogs, cats and other animals in breeding facilities to be kept outdoors during temperature extremes, and to be confined to small, insufficient spaces. The minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.

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

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

I hope you are receiving similar messages from many other people. These rules are critical to the mental, emotional and physical health of these animals. Current conditions are cruel, please correct this ongoing wrongdoing.

Thank you,
Karen A. West

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

Please do everything you can to ensure the health and well being of our animals. No animal should be forced to give birth so owners can make money off them while they suffer inhumane conditions. Please, please make our best friends safe and healthy.

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Cindy Lempar , REALTOR®

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:57 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Breeding facility ("puppy mill") regulations

I am writing to urge you to strengthen breeding facility ("puppy mill") standards in the following ways:

- 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 insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allow 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 and 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.

The foregoing revisions to the existing standards are essential to meet the mandate of TDLR of ensuring the well-being of animals in breeding facilities. These are basic protections. The animals confined to these facilities deserve no less.

Thank you,
Sue Wall
4703 Scottish Woods Cove
Austin, TX 78746
(512)632-5377
[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:50 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules need strengthening

With regard to the Licensed Breeders Rules, **please strengthen them as follows:**

- 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.

It is unfathomable to me that breeders are currently allowed to live their lives with wire mesh under foot. Seems a little common sense and respect for pets is in order here.

Thank you for reading!

Melissa Garnett, Uvalde, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Proper care of all animals.

You need to strengthen the following standards which are unsatisfactory to meet the mandate of ensuring animals well-being.

No Animal should be allowed to be placed in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. That is simply common sense. If you would not want this done to your pet, then you know these standards are sub-par.

Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort, barely allowing any room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be at least tripled and TDLR must adopt the increased size for the animals' comfort.

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

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

Thank you for your time,

Krin M. Asselta

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:29 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments Regarding Puppy Mill Standards

As a foster for an animal rescue, I have seen firsthand the horrible result of inhumane and heartless breeding by puppy mill operators. I would urge you to strengthen the current standards in the below manner to better ensure the well being of these voiceless animals.

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 85 degrees or less than 55 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.
- Animals 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 animal enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the animals and should not be allowed.

Amanda Wheless
Human Resources Director
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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Improve Breeding facility standards

Please strengthen the standards that breeding facilities must provide animals in their care. Please implement requirement that animals not be left in an outside structure when temperatures are above 90 degrees or below 50 degrees.

Please require that animals not be kept in structures that provide only wire for them to sit and stand upon as standing on wire harms their feet.

Please double the size of the structures so the animals have a more reasonable amount of space to move around. Finally, please do not allow structures holding animals to be stacked on top of other such structures as this provides very unhealthy living conditions.

Thank you.

Joy Ruth
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Austin, Texas 78702-2938
512-474-6386

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mills in Texas

How on earth can any legislator with a humane heart or a thinking brain not realize these issues are critical??

Just visit any animal shelter in any city in Texas and see for yourself the result of the pitiful products of Puppy Mills!

These people who profit from misery have to be PUT OUT OF BUSINESS!!

Thank you

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to encourage the passage of stronger legislation to protect animals who are being bred for profit. Please consider strengthening the following standards:

1. Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

I am confident that most of the public would support such changes if they were aware of how their furry family members were treated just so a breeder could make more of a profit.

Thank you for your work for the animals!
Sharon Hotchkiss

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 11:01 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: End Puppy Mills

Importance: High

Dear Sirs ~

Please know that this message is being sent because I am concerned about the fact that the great state of Texas is behind in our laws regarding puppy mills and ending animal cruelty and neglect.

While it is past time to end the breeding of companion animals, I realize that this will not happen until concerned citizens take action. Too many of us are complacent with status quo and most even unaware that Texas has a huge problem with pet overpopulation.

I urge you to think about the suffering of the animals in breeding facilities and take any action possible to end this horrific practice of making money from the backs of these neglected dogs.

- 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 T.D.L.R. should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for *their entire lives*. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should *not be allowed*.

Thank you for your attention to a matter that is utmost importance to many of us.

Regards,
Donna Supernaw
Montgomery, Texas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Urge you to strengthen standards for "Liscensed Breeders"

I would like to urge the TDLR to strengthen the following standards to ensure animals well-being:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. In Texas, the temperatures can be insufferable.
- Double the minimum space and adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered. Current TDLR rules provide an INSUFFICIENT space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animal to turn around.
- Dogs and cats should NOT be forced to stand or to lie down 24/7 on a surface that is 100% wire or wire mesh for their *entire lives*. This results in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary - just to name a few problems that can be caused.
- The stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should NOT be allowed.

Short of banning puppy mills in Texas, I plead that you consider these additional points and modify the current legislation to strengthen the legislation and to provide additional protection and care for animals who have no voice. We must be their voice.

**Sincerely,
Kristina Casanova
4656 Means Dr
Plano TX 75024**

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills - Licensed Breeders Rules

The following standards must be strengthened as they don't go far enough, to meet the mandate of ensuring these animals well-being Please consider the following.....animals have mental health as well as physical and allowing these loopholes puts both at risk – you've already proven what you passed to have was necessary.

- 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.

Millie Sanders at the
Texas Ferret Lovers Rescue
And supporting foster homes
[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please Strengthen the Licensed Breeders Rules

Hello,

As TDLR conducts its review of the Licensed Breeders Rules, please consider strengthening the following standards, which don't currently do enough to ensure the well-being of animals:

- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.
- 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.
- 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.
- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Chantelle Wallace
Austin, Texas

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chantellewallace.com

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Standards

My personal animal companions have come from wonderful rescue organizations or local animal control facilities. I experienced working with neglected dogs and cats at a local veterinarian's office for 10 years, and a rescue kennel for 3.

The rules for puppy breeding facilities must be changed and the standards for health and comfort of these animals improved. One major concern not listed is that so often a puppy bred in a "mill" has poor health due to the poor health and nutrition of the parent animals. They often inherit lifelong diseases that shorten their lives, and cause pain to the owners, and the animal.

- 'Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.' Outdoors the climate can be so hot here in Texas that the dogs cannot cool themselves by panting. This is even more critical with "schmooshed" face dogs such as the pug, boxer, and others. Cold temperatures are equally dangerous for short as well as longhaired breeds. In the small cage, lying on wire, the coat can become tangled and dirty from feces and urine and serves no protection from the cold. The short coated dog has no insulation at all.
- '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.' This is very clear. Even the egg industry is changing and increasing space for chickens! No dog should be kept in a small wire cage for a lifetime!! Owners provide better habitats for rats.
- '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.' Even rabbit breeders provide a wood platform for their breeding does and bucks to stand on. This is so basic that it must be required for dogs. Try standing on wire for a few minutes or a couple of hours. It hurts! In addition to the general discomfort, their paw pads can become caught in the mesh, crack and bleed.
- "Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed." This is a no brainer..It is filthy and unhealthy physically and mentally. It is cruel. Urine and feces and old food falls down through the wires, coats the outside, draws flies and other vermin. This is disgusting!

If the public could see where their puppy came from this industry would have to change. Beings whether two legged or four with blood, skin, nerves, brains, have physical feelings, and varying degrees of mental capacity. Improve these standards and stop the level of animal cruelty the current law and regulations allow. Thank you
Dianne B. Anthony

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Animal Care, Humane Actions

To: the individuals who make up TDLR

From: Jill Hoffman, Ph.D., Lubbock, TX

Please, please... strengthen the following standards.

To demonstrate humane intelligence on your part, these standards must be strengthened

—and I know you are aware —

that these do not go far enough, to meet *YOUR* mandate of ensuring these animals well-being:

- 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.**

With so many problems in the world,
this is one that can improved by **YOU.**

Please demonstrate that you have a **humane heart**
and **an intellect that performs with great mercy.**

The animals can't speak,
but YOU can act.

Thank you,

Jill

Jill Hoffman, Ph.D.



Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:59 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders

All animals are God's creation and at the mercy of our care and protection so I PLEASE ask that you do everything possible to strengthen the standards of licensed breeders.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Cindy Stowe

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills in Texas

I understand that the TDLR is currently conducting a review of the Licensed Breeders Rules and is accepting public comment. In that regard, please consider my comments during your review.

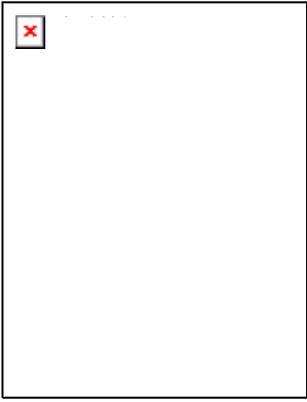
At the very least, the following standards should be mandated to ensure the well-being of dogs being bred and the puppies that are the result of breeding dogs:

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If breeders were charged with taking care of their dogs and puppies the way people should take care of their family pets, then perhaps they would also be more careful about the intention and stability of the people purchasing the puppies that are the result of their breeding. Too many people buy puppies that cannot take care of them and have no business owning pets. Those dogs end up abused, neglected, and/or on the streets with the other thousand of strays, not spayed or neutered, and multiplying by the hundreds. Please consider stricter laws and penalties for breeders who are heartless and irresponsible. Thank you.

Pamela J. Sharp

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

First I want to thank you for the opportunity to listen to our comments on this very important issue regarding the humane treatment of animals. The following standards are basics in the treatment and well being of animals:

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"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated" - Mahatma Gandhi.

Thank you!

Carmen Ortiz-Blandon

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mill legislation

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

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Thank you,
Sincerely,
Leonid Volovnik
Plano, TX
214-205-8105

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR review of the Licensed Breeders Program Notice of Intent and current Chapter 91 rules

I would like to add comments for your current Chapter 91 rules.

I do not agree with animals not having any protection from being kept in an indoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. Common sense alone does dictate that many of the very young animals, as well as the ones who are ill, will not survive a Texas summer where the heat frequently goes over 90 degrees. Conversely, apply the same reasoning to survival of these same animals in temperatures of less than 50 degrees.

Imagine your discomfort being forced to stay in a space where you are unable to comfortably turn around. I think the minimum space required for animals needs to be doubled with TDLR adopting the increased size recommended by the Advisory committee when the initial Rules were considered. My congratulations to the Advisory Committee for having recommended a much more comfortable area for dogs and cats.

There are a huge variety of problems with dogs and cats being forced to stand OR lie 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. In addition to severe damage to their limbs and paws, would you like being kept in ANY size enclosure where you had to eat, lie down, sleep in your own excrement? If you wouldn't like that, why would you expect your dog or cat to?

Finally, in an effort to prevent epidemics, not stacking crates (cages, etc) on top of each other would be a huge step in the right direction for the health and safety of our pets.

I hope common sense will rule prevail this coming January and you will be more assertive in protecting our animals.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these suggestions.

Dorothy Ryan
[REDACTED]

410 Rambling Lane
Eules, TX 76039

817-891-6347

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:29 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Review of Licensed Breeder Rules

I believe the below standards should be put into place, because I have witnessed firsthand how each of these situations have caused an animal to suffer. I also feel there should be stronger criteria to even obtain a license for breeding and the non-licensed person advertising their 'litter of pups' on craigslist or social media should be taxed or fined.

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Thank You,

Jennifer Butler
North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:27 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Puppy mills are deplorable and the breeding mothers and puppies suffer under unsanitary, cramped conditions exposed to unbearable heat and cold. Stacking wire crates with the dogs confined 24/7 is **inhumane** and causes disease and injuries. Dogs need a minimum of clean water and food, room to move and lie down on a comfortable surface, and daily exercise. Puppy mills do not provide even the basis necessities for these poor dogs and puppies to have a humane existence.

Puppy mills should be outlawed. While they unfortunately exist, please include the conditions below in laws governing puppy mills and help these poor, defenseless animals living under despicable breeders that use them for a "cash crop" .

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Thank you.
Doris Zagst
Manor, TX

Animals are thinking, feeling beings too.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:22 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please strengthen Puppy Mills legislation

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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If we allow business owners to maltreat animals we are accomplices to that crime. And animal abuse is linked to criminal behavior. So please show our children that you stand for animals and will take all steps necessary to defend them against abusers and profiteers. It is already 2016 and we know better than to allow this.

Thank you
Sally Lewis

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:21 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Animal welfare

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Please look after the welfare of those that are at your mercy. Please be merciful and require that their conditions be improved. It's a horrible life even with these improvements. It at least makes it bearable.

Thanks,

Karen

Karen E. Helms

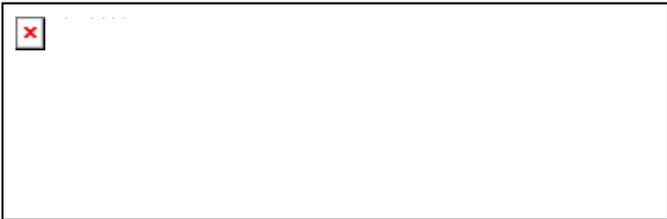
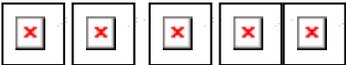
Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:20 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Help the Animals

Animals should never be treated this way. They have feelings too.
They should be treated in the same way you would want to be treated. WITH DIGNI

Melissa Davis

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

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Bennie Scott, Smithville, Tx.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Animal Welfare Laws

To Whom it May Concern:

Animal welfare is something that unfortunately must fall to the legislation. While, in a perfect world, all citizens of the great state of Texas would treat animals humanely and with the respect that all creatures of creation deserve, this is undoubtedly not the case. It breaks my heart each time I see a news story on animal hoarding or abuse. Puppy Mills are something that do not come into the news as often, but that is no indication of the fact that they are still a problem that should be addressed.

As a registered voter in Texas, it is my wish that breeding standards be increased and I am looking to my elected representation to help address this. Humane standards for animals in breeding programs (or any animals being raised by humans for that matter), should include basic room for an animal to exhibit normal activities. This includes: sufficient space for comfort, so that each animal has more than enough room to turn around, which is about double what the current standards are; ability to choose between standing or lying on a daily basis; having a suitable environment that does not mean living in a wire or mesh cage for their entire lives which is a health measure for limbs; having a sanitary environment to live in; not being in a stacked enclosure; and finally no animals should be kept in an outdoor facility year round in Texas, as the temperature is frequently above 90 degrees and below 50 degrees and this is not acceptable.

While this is certainly not a finality for ensuring humane standards for animals, it is a start. Changing laws like these may not seem like a world changing impact, but it will drastically improve the world for those animals affected by it.

Sincerely,

Megan Brown

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:52 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill standards

I once took in a puppy that a friend had bought from a pet store. She gave it up because she could not care for it - the puppy had too many health problems. I recognized it at once as a puppy mill survivor, a purebred dog that should have had a great life but suffered all her short life.

The people who bred this dog and profited from her suffering, and the sorrow of those who cared for her, are the people who run puppy mills in this state.

Texas is a place where people love and care for their pets and Texans will go to great lengths to prevent their suffering. That is why Puppy mills need to be regulated. Just as most Texans are law-abiding, good people, so are most pet owners.

There are some criminals in every society and sadly there are many of them are running puppy mills. Texas makes it easy for them.

Just we we need laws to prevent/deter theft and assault on people we also need puppy mill laws. It's just common sense.

-Animals must 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 must be tripled or TDLR should at least adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.

-Dogs and cats must 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 promotes disease.

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

Most importantly, these laws must be enforced.

My neighbors run a pet rescue group that has taken over 13,000 dogs and cats from the Houston pound (BARC) and sent them to be adopted in a state with strict spay neuter laws. With these numbers, does anyone in their right mind really think we need more puppies?

Please do the right thing for Texas!

Shelley Fitze
Houston TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:49 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: mills

any one who thinks that this is o.k. has no feelings for puppy's who are miss treaded
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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:38 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR Regulations

I agree that the TDLR should do everything within their human and legal power to strengthen the rules protecting animals from unscrupulous, greedy and sociopathic human beings who profit from puppy mills and other egregious endeavors that cause suffering of any animal. Rules that require proper and comfortable cages without overcrowding of animals, adequate food and water, climate control, not being left out in the extreme cold or heat, eliminate wire mesh as the primary flooring and the stacking of cages. It's very sad that all of this has to be spelled out as it seems so basic to treat all living beings with the same respect and decency as humans want for themselves. I lend my voice to this call for the TDLR to write, create and enforce such rules so the requirements for much better treatment of animals becomes a reality and that puppy mills and other such horrible businesses are shut down or prevented at a higher percentage and penalties for violators makes the risk too high for the inhumane and greedy humans who engage in such practices.

Respectfully,

Renee Lozano
Denton, Texas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 8:31 AM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: mayor@eulesstx.gov; Juanita
Subject: Licence Breeders Rules

I am writing because I heard there was request for input into the regulations of breeders in Texas. First and foremost I would like to say I am strongly against any puppy farms/mills, period. There is such a national crisis in the American shelters currently that the nation cannot bear more animals coming into the system. That said below are my minimum acceptable rules, based on a foster that has to deal with the moms and dads that are released after their prime breeding period is over and are dumped at the shelter.

1. Dogs must be kept in kennels (not cages) and definitely not on mesh, wire or cement floors all of their lives as this leads to spinal and hip problems in most all breeds. There should be part cement and part grass. Grass may help these dogs acclimate to eliminating as normal pets would so when they end up in shelter they may be more adoptable when potty trained properly. When temperatures reach above 90 or below 50 the dogs must be kept inside areas that are air conditioned and or heated.
2. Dogs must be socialized and allowed play time and interaction time with other dogs if behavior allows it. Dogs must be given toys to stimulate its development, and said toys should be rotated so they do not become bored. This point entails run time for dogs as most require daily exercise.
3. Dogs should all have medical check ups yearly, be current on all available vaccines and be tested and given Heartworm preventative every month, just as you would a pet. Many times HW positive dogs are first to be put down when they enter shelter because of the expensive of the treatment that is easily preventable. This includes treatment for fleas, ticks and if outside, something to keep biting insects away, such as horse flies and mosquitoes.
4. Enclosure for each mom should be at least 10 X 10 and larger based on litter. Dogs must have places to run, stretch and play. Dogs in shelter are not given this much space and are not money makers, so if people expect to make money, spend it on the dogs. The more they spend on the requirements, maybe it will diminish the need for these farms. Many of the dogs from these farms are released to shelters or along the road to be killed (or killed) or picked up by shelters. To this end, the people must be accountable and keep records of where each parenting dogs goes when no longer useful. If they end up at the shelter, and we all know they do, the tax payer is now the one footing the bill for something we don't even want.
5. If this is going to be a business, make sure there are records kept and taxes paid on collected money. All litters should be accounted for. Licences should cost enough to cover four yearly visits, plus a couple unannounced visits. This practice should not be footed by all other tax payers so put the fees in place.
6. LIMIT how many dogs can be kept to a reasonable size. I think 5 is appropriate and manageable by the 1 or 2 folks taking care of them. Anymore than that the dogs suffer. Each dog needs time with

humans and if that is an hour a day that leaves 3 hours to clean all the cages and animals and gives the person an 8 hour day. So no more than 5 breeding moms.

I am actually sad to be from Texas when it comes to animal welfare because it is lacking the northern states empathy for this problem. There are several semi drivers taking dogs from south Texas to the north twice a month to help with Texas overload. That is sad our state cannot get this situation under control and depend on MANY other states to help us. And this is why we do not need more puppy mills.

Since these are my concerns beyond requirements I am including my mayor who I hope will share with my State Representative and Governor. I also plan to share this with as many fellow American Airlines folks as I can so our voice is many, and strong that it is time to make a stand for animal welfare throughout Texas.

Sincerely,

Juanita Francisco

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Retired American Airlines, now fostering for Trinity Gap Rescue in support of Eules Animal Shelter.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 7:52 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Please don't allow the greedy breeders to continue the suffering of parent dogs living in horrid living conditions. Please change the rules without delay. Thank you.

Melissa Glover

Waneta Lamas

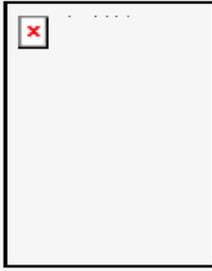
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 7:47 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill standards

I urge you to tighten and implement the following standards. Animals should not be neglected or suffer for someone to make a profit. Please help be their voice and set a tight standard to be adhered to and punishable to the maximum extent when not followed.

Who are we if not the one who will stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves?

April Elder
2201 Halbert Dr
Pearland TX 77581

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Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 7:31 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: HARDER RULES

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This is Horrible living conditions for any animal or anything that lives. These animal need a voice if you don't stand up and speak for them then who will? I beg you PLEASE make it harder for these horrible breeders to do this to these animals. They are sentenced to jail for there lives, and have done nothing wrong. PLEASE, PLEASE set higher standards and set stiffer sentences (JAIL TIME FOR THE BREEDERS) and follow through when they break the rules! If you see this and have to walk through these places YOU would not allow it I KNOW in my heart you would not! Please stand up for these guys who have no voice to speak for themselves!

Anita Blakley
C: 817-526-4094

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 7:23 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for Puppy Mills

Please consider the improvements to the living conditions allowed for licensed breeders in the state of Texas so that animal rights, well being and safety can be a way of life for these animals and not at the discretion of breeders. All animals deserve the basic comforts in a living situation.

Regards

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Margaret Ball



Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:56 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

After having a beautiful Pomerian that I rescued that was forced to have 40 babies, and was in horrible condition when she was picked up, I am totally against any animal mill. It took me years to help her get over her fear of people. She seemed to be suffering like a person would from PTSD. Awfull!
Sheryl Ann Meek-McKiernan

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:34 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mills

I cannot come up with a supportable reason to allow this grotesque exploitation of companion animals to exist - think about it, dirty wire cages, no socialization to meet needs, poor health, is the definition of abuse. It is a tragedy of enormous proportion in light of the millions killed in shelters every year, and hundreds rescued from horrible circumstance. For godsake, stop this, it is criminal.

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The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong in the broken places

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:17 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: rules re dog breeders

Dear Employees of TDLR who are responsible for licensing breeders of dogs in Texas:

I am familiar with your agency because I worry about water well drillers; now I am learning that you also license breeders of dogs. Your job is important to me because I rescue and I have seen the lifetime effects of caging of dogs as puppies.

I have three adorable small dogs which were abandoned in Martindale, Texas by breeders -- breeders in San Marcos abandon dogs which are not adopted apparently because of space limits. These three dogs were at least two years old when I rescued them; two of them are litter mates. They have lived with me since December 2009. They spend most of the daytime in a good sized fenced yard that is just outside my front door. They play in the grass, watch the neighborhood dogs pass by, and lay on my large covered porch. I always let them out immediately at daylight, and I always let them out immediately before total darkness. They are intermittently inside the house for various reasons, one being that they also like to come inside.

In these past 5 1/2 years, no matter what I have tried, they have not learned to urinate or poop outside. They actually seem to prefer doing it inside (when they are inside, they are not in crates; they are in the entrance hall which has a concrete floor). All day long, as they come back inside, they do it on the floor (on newspaper), right next to their food dishes and beds.

For that reason alone, they are unadoptable. Clearly, as puppies they were held in confined spaces and forced to potty inside that space, and as they became adult dogs that was so ingrained in their routines that, almost six years later, they have not overcome that early childhood.

I know that if they were adopted, sooner or later, they would be banned from the house -- even in severe weather. I tolerate their habits because I can; I live alone and have the time to clean up after them since I am retired. I don't think most people would do what I do, and I do it all day long.

Please make rules that prohibit this kind of space limitation. By keeping them in small cages 24/7, breeders are training dogs to poop and urinate where they eat and sleep -- that is against their natures as all animals keep their living space clean. That sets these dogs up for a lifetime of being 100% *outside* dogs, which is not safe in bad weather, is not good for the neighborhood, and negatively affects bonding with their owners. I have seen similar little dogs chained outside, lonely, dirty, without clean water, just neglected altogether -- prevented from ordinary interaction with humans and other animals.

Thank you for reading this message. It is important, and is something that is absolutely true: caging a puppy in a small space creates lifetime problems -- they learn to do things which are harmful to them, and are problematic for any human who adopts them -- apparently for the rest of their lives.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Cumberland
761 Martindale Falls Rd.
Martindale, Texas 78655

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 5:50 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: breeding facilities

We need stronger protection in place for each of these animals in their care.

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Bobbie Bates
Richardson, Texas

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 5:14 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: RE: New Legislature

Having rescued 5 dogs over the course of my short life I can tell you with conviction that confining an animal is single-handedly one of the most cruel things you can do to them. Crating them all day makes them literally go mad. They begin to spin and show strange behavior in an attempt to move and get a little exercise. It's 2016 for heavens sake. We humans are at the top of the food chain. It's time we take this responsibility more seriously and extend compassion to all other animals.

Thank you,

Joan Hendrix

[REDACTED]
512-970-3504

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:13 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Dear TDLR:

Pope John Paul II proclaimed that “the animals possess a soul and men must love and feel solidarity with our smaller brethren.” He went on to say that all animals are “fruit of the creative action of the Holy Spirit and merit respect” and that they are “as near to God as men are.”

As such, I urge you to strengthen our standards:

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Thank you.

Melissa A. Russo, Esq.

1001 Taulbee Lane
Austin, Texas 78757
tel 512.800.3858
fax 512.717.5517
[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 12:16 AM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Stop inhumane BREEDING IN TEXAS NOW!!!

Dear Texas Department Of Licensing & Regulation,

Current standards for licensing breeders of animals in Texas Puppy Mills today are substandard and inhumane!

Texas must become a LEADER in HUMANE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF ALL OUR ANIMALS!
WE TEXANS MUST SET THE STANDARDS!

I also personally believe the whole process of Puppy Mills must be abolished in Texas, and the rest of this country. Any pet animal breeding must be left to and controlled by the Professional Kennel Clubs of the USA who are most qualified to inspect the facilities and control the standards for pure breed show cats and dogs and rabbits. Our TEXAS Animal Shelters in every major Texas city and small town have plenty of homeless animals to adopt out and place in loving and qualified homes. For every cat and dog that is bred in a PUPPY MILL and sold - a SHELTER CAT and DOG is Killed. You know that! We all know it. And you also know the cost to us taxpayers for the mass killing.

So until TEXAS steps up to the plate in the HUMANE TREATMENT OF ALL OUR ANIMALS PLEASE:

- Prohibit inhumane temperatures and Hellish Conditions in Puppy Mills!
- Abolish use of Mesh Cages!
- Abolish stacking of crates on top of each other!
- Enforce adequate, immaculate, and healthy runs and spaces indoors for all Puppy Mill animals, including exercise areas to run and stretch!

Jay Schachner, MD
Eileen Glaser
Houston, Texas

Sent from our iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 11:11 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: I am taking some time to urge TDLR to strengthen the following standards, which must be strengthened and don't go far enough, to meet their mandate of ensuring these animals well-being: Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility wh
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the sooner this is accomplished, the better for everyone....

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:56 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthening TDLR Standards

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned about TDLR's standards for the well-being of animals and would like to suggest the following for consideration in order to strengthen the current mandate:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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- Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shannon Bendle

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:48 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill legislation.

There needs to be humane , healthy space for all animals.! Bonnie Wagner

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:44 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please enforce strci rules for puppy mills

I would prefer that there were no "puppy mills". They are horrible and very inhumane! I have rescued many animals from these tragic situations. Please enforce stricter rules and prosecution for these individuals.

Kerry Williams

[REDACTED]
972 834 9634

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:40 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

Please adopt specifications as laid out by The Humane Legislative of Texas to better the living conditions of animals raised by breeders. Breeders benefit from the sales at the expense of these unfortunate animals. Conditions should be looked into & upgraded. Thank you.

Denise Wallace
10 Lakeside Park
Dallas, Texas 75225

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:34 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: The rules to ensure the overall health, safety and well being of individual animals

Standards must be improved in the following areas.

1. Animals should not be kept in an outdoor facility when the outside temperature is above 85 and lower than 50 degrees.
2. the confined space of an animal should be large enough to fit 1 1/2 additional animals of the same size.
3. Animals should be banned from standing more than 1 hour on Wire mesh and metal floors
4. Dog enclosures should never been used stacked on top of each other.

Thank you
Nancy

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:33 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please help puppy mill/kitten mill animals

Hello TDLR,

Please strengthen your standards to help animals being bred for profit. They should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. I am aware that the 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! Please adopt an 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, both physical and mental, this can result in severe damage to their limbs and paws, and is highly unsanitary. Lastly, the stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.

It is bad enough that commercial breeding is allowed in our great state, and to be honest, it brings me great shame. I look forward to the day this is a distant memory, an embarrassing part of our history, as we grow to value these lives for the gifts they are.

You've worked hard to create these standards, and I am grateful for it as an animal lover and as a compassionate human being. They are not enough, but they are something; they ensure well being and care are even a matter of concern. I thank you for that and also in advance for continuing to uphold these measures.

Sincerely,

Katya Lidsky

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." - Mahatma Gandhi

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:29 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Action for puppy mills in Texas.

Please adopt the specifications as laid out

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:20 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: Cile Holloway
Subject: Requested revisions to the Licensed Breeder Act

TDLR -

I'm writing to ask that you consider the following rule changes in your evaluation of the Licensed Breeder Facility regulations.

Because the purpose of these rules is to ensure the over health, safety, and well being of each animal confined in these facilities – I urge you to implement these suggestions:

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

2) Animals in these facilities should be prohibited from being kept in outdoor facilities when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.

3) The current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allows enough room for the animals to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled at least, and TDLR should adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial Rules were considered.

4) The stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should be prohibited.

I'm grateful this law is being enforced by your agency and urge you to consider stronger regulations to protect the animals forced to live their lives in these facilities.

Sincerely,

Cile Holloway
4713 Mariner Dr
Frisco, Texas 75034
[REDACTED]

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:19 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeder Rules

I am writing to you about the Licensed Breeders Rules. I urge TDLR to strengthen the following standards because they don't go far enough to ensure the well being of the effected animals.

- 1) Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
- 2) Minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the increase size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered. Current rules provide an insufficient space for a dog's comfort and barely allow enough room for the dog to turn around.
- 3) Dogs and cats should not be forced to lie or stand 24/7 on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Not only is this unsanitary, it results in severe damage to their limbs and paws.
- 4) Stacking of primary dog enclosure should not be allowed. This jeopardizes the health & well-being of the dogs.

Thank you for considering these rule changes. This is a very important issue and I appreciate the work of TDLR.

Sincerely,
Vicki Gibson
11 Lunar Cir
McDonald Obs, TX 79734

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 10:06 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Shut down all puppy mills.

Shut down all puppy mills in Texas.

[REDACTED]
Tammy 817 707 6448

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:49 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Breeding law

Hello,

Please strengthen the laws regarding breeding in Texas to make it a safer and more natural environment for these animals. It is disgusting and sad to think of puppy/kitty mills being allowed to exist as they do. These animals should be given a chance to live a healthy and happy life.

Thank you,

Elisabeth Christensen

[REDACTED]
(281) 704-5156

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:38 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Humane Legislation

In regards to puppy mills in Texas, we implore you to strengthen the following efforts (which, honestly, do not go far enough)...

- 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.

As an active member of the Texas Humane Legislation Network, I will be following your actions closely and look forward to your full support.

Kelli Reid
Addison, Tx

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:39 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Minimal standards for pet breeders must be established, enforced and strengthened with time.

These should include:

- *Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.*
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- *Stacking of primary dog enclosures on top of one another jeopardizes the health and well-being of the dogs and should not be allowed.*

Inspections done regularly, fines imposed, and a method of reporting noncompliance with timely investigation, would be better!

This is an area that demands attention, as breeders of animals are rarely humane in their care of them in the state of Texas.

Breeders, or anyone selling pets, should be heavily regulated and taxed, and the revenue generated used to enforce humane laws.

Thank you for hearing my voice! I know that I can trust you to make the best decisions for companion animals.

*Sincerely,
Sharon Philips*

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:32 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: TDLR Breeding facility standards

I was pleased to see the legislature pass standards for the care of companion animal breeding facilities in Texas. I think it's a good start to insure that animals are treated in a humane fashion, which I believe to be both a legal and moral standard. I'm writing today to urge you to adopt 4 important regulations that will correct omissions in the current standard of care. Specifically, these are:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when temperatures reach more than 90 or less than 50 degrees (F).
- The current rules provide inadequate space for a dog - barely enough room for the animal to turn around. The minimum space should be doubled and TDLR should adopt the size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered.
- Dogs and cats must not be forced to constantly stand or lie on 100% wire or wire mesh flooring. Among other problems, this can result in serious damage to their limbs, their paws, and is highly unsanitary.
- Stacking of primary dog enclosures one above another forces the animal below to live in the urine and feces of it's "upstairs" neighbor, jeopardizing the health and well-being of the dogs and must not be allowed.

Please consider these important rule changes to insure the health and safety of cats and dogs in Texas breeding facilities. It's an important step to protect their safety and health.

Sincerely,
Mike Epperson
358 Meadowcreek Drive
Duncanville, TX 75137
214-597-7657

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:21 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Dear TDRL,
Please protect the animals!

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Sincerely, Mary KimbleHellen

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Peace & Blessings,
Mary Kimble Hellen
469-450-3362
Tutoring For Success & Confidence
Certified Yoga Teacher

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:00 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments on Licensed Breeder Facility Rules

Please include my comments regarding strengthening the existing rules. It is imperative that Texas has higher standards for pet breeders that are humane, sanitary, and instill confidence in the buyer. Chiefly:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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- Dogs and cats should not be forced to stand or lie [24/7](#) on 100% wire or wire mesh for their entire lives. Among other problems, this can result in severe damage to their limbs, paws and is highly unsanitary.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Smith
6626 Flanary Ln.
Dallas, TX 75252

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:55 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: For the love of animals

I ask of you to not take being the voice of these animals lightly. You and the standards you enforce are the only thing that can help these voiceless animals. These animals should not be made to lay or stand 24/7 and should have sufficient padding not just wire to lay or stand on. There also needs to be conditions on how long and what temperature is acceptable for animals to be left outside. Temperatures over 90 degrees and under 50 degrees are just not okay to have animals out in it. These animals have a hope in you, please don't fail them.

Sincerely- Heather Flanagan

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:35 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

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Sincerely,

Mary Alvarez

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:24 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Texas Puppy Mills

Thank you for inspecting and licensing dog/cat breeder facilities. It is immensely important for the citizens and dogs/cats within our state that the present regulations be increased and enforced. Taxpayers and customers who buy from these breeders pay a hefty financial price for the produced puppies/kittens from these breeding facilities. Too often there are some babies or even adults who are in ill health or not socialized. Our landfills are full of the dead bodies from our dog/cat overpopulation and those who suffer at the hands of inadequate facilities and care.

Please ensure the following:

The animals are kept in facilities within the temperature range of 50-90 degrees, inside or outside.

The space for each dog/cat should be enlarged to double the now required size so an animal can easily turn around and stretch out to sleep.

No dog or cat should be allowed to stand or lie on wire or mesh for 24 hrs.

Stacking of animal enclosures/kennels makes for illness which can be physical and behavioral.

We appreciate your work and pray you will encourage these standards become regulation and enforced.

Thank You,
Don & Karen Hamlin
2013 Hampstead Ln
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308

940-761-3991

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:23 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Crucial legislation

I want to be a voice for the animals. Every living creature deserves a clean, safe, cool/warm comfortable place to live. Please pass this crucial legislation that will insure they get this.
Thank you for listening.

Karen Ramero

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:22 PM
To: Erule Comments

It should not be necessary to legislate humane treatment of animals, but sadly, it is. Please make Texas No. 1 in requiring these profit making facilities to provide at the very least a healthy environment for these luckless creatures on whose backs they're making a profit. (What would REALLY make me is to see these "businesses" shut down...we are awash in animals that need good homes as it is.)

Patricia Curtis

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:17 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill legislation

Please protect the animals raised by breeders by requiring they live in spaces where they can easily step, stand and stretch out. Also, keep them in temperatures that are not miserable....not over 90 degrees and not below 50. It seems like so little to ask for beings bred and sold for profit of humans.

Thank you,
Charlotte Weiss

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:13 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Plz help stop abuse and torture of innocent animals and enact rules that will ensure that there are consequences.

Times have changed. No longer is the world turning a blind eye.

Thank you having the discernment to know right from wrong and for protecting the animals that cannot stop people from their cold-hearted actions.

Kindest regards,
Linda Probeck
Garland, TX

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 8:05 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Please strengthen the Texas rules and standards for breeders.

As a citizen of Texas, I am very concerned about the breeding of dogs and cats in our state, while millions of unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized in our state, as well as homeless and abused. While breeders profit by breeding puppies because there is a supply for them amongst many of the public that still buys, and then discards (at the animals and the taxpayers expense).

Please adopt rules and stronger standards to meet your mandate of ensuring the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal in licensed breeder facilities in Texas. Please keep in mind the following:

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

Please take this matter very seriously. We, the public of Texas and the dogs and cats we love, deserve better. And, we will be watching.

Sincerely,

Kathy Milacek
504 Riney Road
Little Elm, TX 75068

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:56 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Animal Welfare

Please consider these issues as it pertains to animal health & welfare:

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You are in the position to turn the above situations around. You can do something positive.

I am a supporter of animal welfare.

Thank you.
Karen Cannon

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:52 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Mistreatment animals

I am writing to add my comments that I believe temperature should be regulated for animals, a requirement when breeding. Also, space and environment should be regulated to a level of comfort. Thank you for your consideration.

Beth Bornman
Mesquite, Texas 75149
972-302-1491

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:48 PM
To: Erule Comments

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

"When in doubt look up!"

Sent from my iPhone 5S

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:45 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: New Standards

I ask you kindly to please revise your standards to ensure the overall health, safety, and well-being of each individual animal in a licesed breeder facility. I urge you to strengthen the following standards as these sweet souls depend on us for their needs and safety. Please think of what we're putting these poor animals through- the discomfort, pain, and unsafe situations and the struggles they face- they do not deserve this.

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Please help.

Warmly,

Lindsey

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:45 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

Please make the recommended changes to specifications dealing with animal breeders. I work with a group that goes on scene then sets up temporary housing for these companion animals. The health problems are real and dangerous but the fear these animals are subject to is heartbreaking. They are afraid of almost everything and while they are cute and very needy most times it does more harm to reach out to them because everything is new and unfamiliar. I love the work I do when I'm on the rescue team but it has to be very structured for the good of these creatures.

Thank you
Whitney Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:43 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Humane Treatment by Breeders in Texas of Dogs and Cats

Please consider adopting rules that prevent animals in Texas from enduring painful living conditions from animal breeders. A life time existence in limited crowded spaces is cruel. These animals are our companions to us all and our families. Extreme heat or cold living conditions for these animals is so hard to bear that they have to exist that way.

Thank you,

Joe Gannon
7324 Gaston
Dallas, TX 75214
Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:35 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeder Rules

Gentlemen,

In reviewing the rules above, let me ask you to consider amending them as follows:

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

Thank you.
Vin Talwar
719 Hinsdale Dr
Arlington TX 76006

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:31 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthen the health of animals

Just imagine if you had to live in these conditions. I 'm sure you couldn't imagine your pet living in a cage without adequate room to move or imagine never being able to touch grass or run around with other pet friends. I believe all pets should have adequate health care (plus fresh water & food). Please take a few minutes and read my e-mail below:

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Thank you,

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Leigh Anne Wojcik
1506 Woodhill Drive
Round Rock, TX 78681

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:30 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Re: current action strengthening proposal and new laws for breeders

I totally agree with the proposals submitted here. Healthy animals should be a top priority for all breeders out there. That and breeding only for the betterment of the breed and not just money and I feel the proposals here are solid ways to ensure that. Also there should be some sort of proposal or law enforced for breeders requiring a neutering/spaying contract with every animal sold to a pet home helping reduce the number of strays and animals having to be put in shelters.

With all the animal's that are abandoned and in shelters these days I would whole heartily suggest fostering or rescuing from a shelter or humane society before buying from a breeder.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:28 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Breeding facilities in Texas

Texan breeders must be held to higher standards--animals need exercise and ample living space in addition to nutritious food, plenty of water and consistent veterinarian supervision. These are living, feeling creatures as those of us who share our homes and lives with animals understand. They deserve our best protection.

Laura Schulman, Austin

Sent from my iPad

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:22 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Standards for Puppy Mills

Should be a given. Cannot believe we still let breeders treat animals so badly. It is sad and it is wrong.

Jody Krankel
18200 Lund Carlson Road
Elgin TX 78621

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:20 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Please watch the attached video to understand why I am against puppy mills in the State of Texas.

#RIPDivaDaisy



Regards,

Teresa Carpenter

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:18 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: Andrew Forsythe
Subject: Rules for Licensed Breeder Facilities

Dear Madams/Sirs:

I respectfully request that you enact rules governing Licensed Breeder Facilities in Texas which will genuinely protect the animals in those facilities. At a minimum, the following measures should be taken:

- 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.

Frankly, I find it hard to believe that these measures aren't already in full force and effect. Please give the underlying legislation some teeth so that it will provide at least some minimal degree of comfort and safety for the animals involved. We owe it to these creatures, who can't speak for themselves and are entrusted to our care, to protect them to the extent we are able.

Thank you.

Andrew Forsythe
3200 Crosswind Dr.
Spicewood, Texas 78669
512-264-1237

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:15 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

I am writing to urge TDLR to review Licensed Breeders Rules and to strengthen the following standards, which must be strengthened and don't go far enough, to meet your mandate of ensuring these animals well-being:

- Animals should be prohibited from being kept in an outdoor facility when the temperature reaches more than 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees.
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All of this is purely common sense! Please do your best to tighten and ENFORCE the rules. If breeders were required to pay high breeder fees, only the best would breed. We have so many beautiful animals that die every day due to over breeding. **You have the power to do something about this -- please use your power for the good of the defenseless animals.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca Deo

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:13 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Inhumane Puppy Mills conditions must be improved.

I strongly urge you to take positive steps to improve the quality of life for the animals used as breeding machines. It is truly sad that people make a living by abusing animals with no regard for the animals welfare. It is my opinion that all Puppy Mills should be outlawed, but until that time lets start with giving these animals basic comforts.

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I urge (TDLR) to adopt rules to "ensure the overall health, safety and well-being of each individual animal" in a licensed breeder facility.
Thank you for your time.

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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:11 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthening breeder guidelines

I'd like to encourage you to adopt every one of the suggested standards of care, currently being presented to the TDLR regarding dog breeding.

In truth, I wish such legislation wasn't even necessary. I wish our state (and our country) was not full of these mass-production dog and cat factories, where the breeding animals live their whole lives as virtual slaves. Given that this reality is unlikely to change soon, the least we can do is reduce the suffering of these animals. That they be given a cage big enough to move around in, with a solid floor, instead of wire that deforms their feet after a lifetime of standing, seems not too much to ask.

If providing shelter for animals when it's 5 degrees outside, or 105, is too much for a breeder, perhaps Texas is better off without them.

If you'll get serious about rules, and their enforcement, you can drive out the animal abusers, and leave only the responsible breeders. Those in the latter category will have no problem complying with the rules, and in most cases, probably already do.

- [Juli Roland](#)
- [Dallas, TX](#)
- [214-823-2304](#)

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:06 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Animal welfare

To whom it m y concern:

TDLR needs to strengthen the following standards, to meet their mandate of ensuring these animals well-being:

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This is of no small importance to me. I volunteer at spay/nueuter clinics, have 5 animals of my own, and foster. These wonderful beings deserve good lives.

Karen Kennedy
2461 Southwood Dr.
Dallas Tx 75233
469-499-6060

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:04 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Fwd: ACTION ALERT: Puppy Mills in Texas

As a retired dachshund breeder, gold seal certified by AKC, I strongly urge the adoption of these stronger rules. It's time to wipe out all puppies mills!

-----Original Message-----

From: Texas Humane Legislation Network [REDACTED]
To: Marge Chapman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, Jun 2, 2016 6:43 pm
Subject: ACTION ALERT: Puppy Mills in Texas



Marge --

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

The 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. TDLR is currently conducting a review of the Licensed Breeders Rules and is accepting public comment. In 2011 during the last public comment phase and *because of your voice*, over 10,000 comments were documented! Since the passage of this crucial legislation, there have been hundreds of inspections performed and licenses

issued showing the necessity of this program.

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

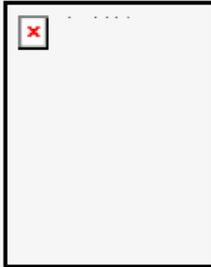
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Please personalize your email and add 1-2 sentences on why you think these standards are important. Comments are due by June 13th and can be submitted by email to erule.comments@tdlr.texas.gov

Thank you for your voice!

Texas Humane Legislation Network

<http://www.thln.org/>



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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:04 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Tx humane legislation

Please pass the new recommendations for puppy mills. These animals need more space in their kennels. They also need to be indoors in too hot or cold weather. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:02 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation in Texas

I am writing to request that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation strengthen the standards regarding puppy mills in Texas. Without specific legislation to ensure the health and well-being of breeding dogs and cats, puppy mill owners will continue to care more for profit than for the health and comfort of their breeding stock. There is no wrong committed in making a profit. The business practices that lead to inhumane conditions for the animals is inexcusable. Please consider strengthening the current puppy mill standards to include the following mandates to ensure proper care of the animals:

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

Thank you for your consideration of these amendments to existing standards. I would be grateful for a response that you have received and read this request.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ferrer

Plano, Tx.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mills

I know animals. And know they should not be subjected to unsafe places as well they should not be forced to live in wire crates and kennels. It so wrong.

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: PUPPY MILLS

THIS NEEDS TO STOP NOW!!!!!!

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules

Gentlemen

As concerns the rules licensed breeders must observe, I believe the following is very important.

The current rules do not provided sufficient space for a dog's wellbeing. They have to have enough room to move, beyond being able to barely turn around. At a minimum the minimum space needs to be doubled, but I strongly encourage you to adopt the increased size recommended by the Advisory Board when the initial Rules were considered.

Animals should never be kept in an outdoor facility located in an location that will experience temperatures in excess of 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. This is not only cruel, but will impact the health of the animals.

Dogs or cats should be forces to live their entire lives standing on wire or wire mesh. This is not only unsanitary and cruel, but will lead to significant health issues for these animals, as would be expected.

I cannot imagine these animals, companions to so many people, being forced to live in these untenable conditions for most or all of their lives. Please adopt standards that will protect their most basic right to not suffer their entire lives.

Thank you for your consideration

Susana Reynoso, CPA
58 Shadowbrook Ln
Brownsville, TX 78521

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:59 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments on housing dogs and cats

I have seen too many cats warehoused in cages, even in highly-rated shelters, where they have no room to exercise or even stretch out with toys. Too often their toys and bedding wind up in the litter box. For sanitation, each cat should have two "rooms" to separate the food and water and bedding from the litter. And one room should be large enough for them to at least walk around.

No matter what the temperature outside, and outdoor enclosures should have plenty of shade or the dogs and cats can get skin cancer just as we do.

No animal should ever be forced to stand on wire screening. Ever. For any reason.

Water dishes for dogs and cats must be constructed or attached so that they do not easily tip over and spill, leaving the animal with wet bedding and no water.

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Ms. Page S Williams
2234 Ashford Hollow Lane
Houston TX 77077-5814
281-679-7221 - home phone

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:59 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments

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

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I appreciate your consideration and hope you will do what's right.

Cheryl Conley

Sent from my iPhone

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" -Mahatma Gandhi

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:57 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills Regulation

I stand for the following regulations to be written into Texas Administrative Law under the authority of TDLR.

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

Ryan Cagney

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:57 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Strengthen Breeding Standards

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to implement strong, humane standards for the breeding of cats and dogs in Texas (the Licensed Breeders Rules). While the existing standards are a step in the right direction, they are not sufficient in providing a truly human environment for these animals. Specifically:

- Animals should be protected from temperature extremes, and not kept outdoors when the temperature is below 50 or over 90;
- The minimum allowable space should be doubled to the size recommended by the Advisory Committee when the initial rules were considered; the current size is barely sufficient for the animal to turn around;
- Wire mesh as flooring is unsanitary, causes damage to paws and limbs, and should not be allowed for dogs or cats;
- Stacking of dog enclosures is dangerous and unsanitary.

Please strengthen these standards to make Texas a better place for animals.

Sincerely,
Rainbow Di Benedetto

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:56 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy mill legislation

To Whom It May Concern,

While I would prefer to see all puppy mills closed and only responsible breeders allowed to breed a few dogs in a healthy environment, the following recommendations are at least needed. It is insane to allow these breeding facilities when millions of dogs are euthanized each year. It allows people to make a lot of money from the suffering of animals who should be pets.

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Thank you,
Brenda McCree

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:56 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Help for animals

Please help the animals get what it best for them. It is the right thing to do.

Sent from Paul Buckner

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:54 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: puppy mills, a disgrace

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Puppy mills and breeders in general should be prohibited in my opinion. Please help to encourage people to adopt from rescues and shut down puppy mills!

thank you

emmy lou griffin

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 6:49 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Puppy Mills

Please provide a healthy and proper set of standards for any animal that is confined. There is no reason, except the greed of the owners of these facilities, for the failure to give all animals reasonable care and a healthy environment.

Fred Brodsky

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:26 PM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: Shelby Bobosky
Subject: Licensed Breeders Rules Review
Attachments: TDLR.pdf

Dear Mr. Kuntz,

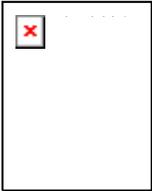
Thank you for offering the Texas Humane Legislation Network the opportunity to comment on the review of the Licensed Breeders Rules.

Attached please find our comments and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide more information or be of any assistance.

Kindest regards,

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Laura Donahue
Executive Director
Texas Humane Legislation Network
www.thln.org



We legislate to change their fate!
PO Box 685283
Austin, TX 78768

Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2016 7:19 PM
To: Erule Comments
Subject: Comments to Licensed Breeders program (Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91)

To whom it may concern,

there is a number of issues that need to be addressed in regards to licensing breeders.

- 1) Licenses for everybody, regardless of how many breeding females, or how many puppies.
- 2) Kenneling needs to be humane:
 - a) not stacked to avoid feces transfer from cage to cage
 - b) solid floors that can be disinfected - withOUT the dogs being exposed to the chemicals.
 - c) protected from weather - heat and cold, rain and ice etc.
 - d) Cage size needs to be large enough for the dogs to turn around and separate toilet area from sleep area.
- 3) limited to one breeding per year (ideally less often)

Basically, for kenneling, the same rules that apply to public shelters should apply to breeders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Rainey
Killeen, TX



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Waneta Lamas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Erule Comments
Cc: RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS ALLIANCE; david.simpson@house.texas.gov
Subject: Re: Licensed Breeders Rule Review

TDLR Salutations,

I received your query on The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) about reviewing the Licensed Breeders program (Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91) for re-adoption, revision, or repeal.

In all honesty, I am terrified to properly respond out of fear of reprisals either from TDLR organization to my licensee status; or from the animal advocates who unfairly rammed this legislation through the Texas State Legislature without adequate public comment or review.

I will offer two obvious politically safe observations though.

One, the number of breeders under this program is ridiculously too low to expect to adequately serve the Pet Market demand in Texas.

Second; basic economic principles apply. This legislation has impacted the majority of Texans by pricing them out of pet ownership. Middle income and poor Texas families are literally priced out by the oligarchy inflated prices this program has caused since initiation.

If you have an anonymous means of submitting commentary; I'd love to give your program a thorough review from a Breeder licensee point of view.

Sincerely,
Daniel

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On May 16, 2016, at 8:34 AM, Notice From TDLR <tdlrnotice@public.govdelivery.com> wrote:



The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is reviewing the Licensed Breeders program (Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91) for re-adoption, revision, or repeal. TDLR will determine whether the reasons for adopting or readopting these rules continue to exist by answering the following questions for each rule:

- Is it obsolete?
- Does it reflect current legal and policy considerations?

- Is it in alignment with TDLR's current procedures?

TDLR encourages anyone interested in the Licensed Breeders program to review the [Notice of Intent](#) and [current Chapter 91 rules](#).

Comments may be submitted by email to erule.comments@tdlr.texas.gov. **The deadline for comments is June 13, 2016.**

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