



The Texas Licensed Breeders Program MUST Be Preserved & Improved!

This crucial program is in danger of being abolished by the Texas Sunset Commission.

What is the Texas Licensed Breeders Program?

The Licensed Breeders Program was created in 2011 to establish basic standards of care in large scale breeding facilities and to prevent animal cruelty **before it happens**. The program allows the state to inspect and license breeding facilities meeting and maintaining these standards.

Why Keep the Program and Why TDLR?



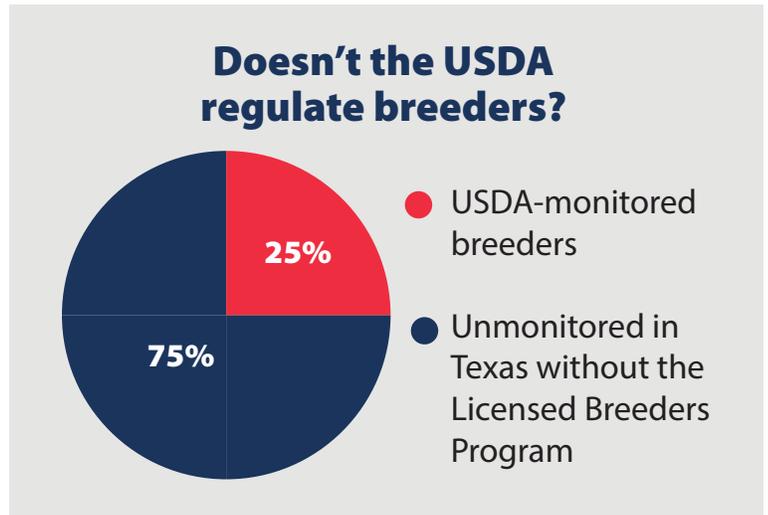
Good for Animals: The Program provides the oversight necessary to prevent animal cruelty in large-scale breeding facilities. The program also prevents breeders with a history of animal cruelty from becoming licensed.



Good for Government: Large-scale seizures of animals from cruel breeding facilities stretch local law enforcement and nonprofits. Inspecting breeders and holding them to a standard for compliance saves police resources and taxpayer dollars.



Good for Consumers: The program allows consumers to make an informed decision when doing business with a breeder.



But how can we make this program even better?

1. Remove the sales threshold of 20 puppies per year for licensure
 - Many breeders conduct sales through cash transactions only, making this requirement unenforceable and easy to sidestep.
2. Lower the number of breeding females from eleven to five
 - No other state has this high of a threshold. Five breeding females is parallel to the USDA requirement and will better regulate Texas breeders.



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