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Sunset Advisory Commission,

I've debated many times on submitting information that I feel is important for Texas to consider. During these concerning conditions about the pandemic and isolation requirements across the United States the time has arrived to express my concern of Certified Veterinary Inspection documentation in regard to the transporting of domestic canine and felines (dogs and cats). TX is the only state that does not collect and file these certificates (CVI) or Health Papers.

Rescuing of unwanted dogs and cats is a needed service. The concern is lack/non-existence of documentation on the amount of canine and felines leaving Texas or what's coming into Texas. I'm specially concerned with the recent amount of meat dogs coming internationally in as rescues

(CDC and USDA will have stats)! Texas alone has several large organized transporting systems of dogs and cats. If one wants to inquire if a Certified Veterinary Inspection or Health Papers were completed, (as required by all other states for the sale/adoption) at the destination state. One has to request from that state veterinarian, the document to confirm compliance from TX.

Texas has a livestock Health Certificate system. It wouldn't be impossible to initiate a system that collects all Certified Veterinary Inspections for canine and felines in a database to analyze the authenticity of the licensees, organization and the paperwork itself.

The Texas Animal Health Commission should regulate all animals not just livestock movement. Government funding for such a service could very well be supported simply by fees on the lack of compliance!

If there's any indication from the recent rapid spread of this Coronavirus it should be concerning that Texas consider data collection and analysis on CVIs as most states do. Texas should not be exposed with a lack of knowledge of what's coming into Texas or what's transporting out of Texas and have no recollection of its origination. On that note the CVIs and Health Papers should reflect mandatory indication that all transports of canines and felines have a microchip (mini chips now available with AKC for sm and very young). No movement without documentation. This microchip should have information on the origination and any other relevant facts to protect Texas!

Thankyou for your time in reviewing my notes.

Cathy Gleason