

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES



Proposed Pet Sale Laws Survey Report

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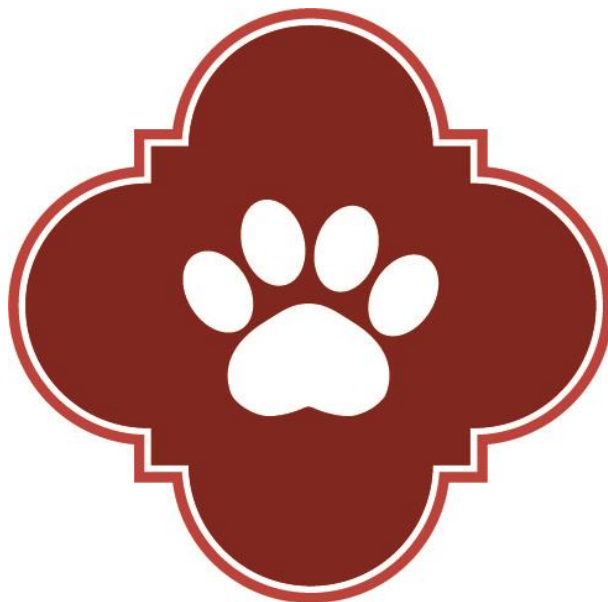




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Public Engagement Opportunities

It is currently illegal to breed or sell dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens without a permit from Animal Care Services (ACS). The goal of these permits is to ensure the health and safety of the animals involved through a number of requirements, such as proof of the pet's rabies vaccination and microchip status. Sellers are required to display their permit numbers anytime they offer animals for sale.

ACS gathered public opinions on the sale of pets in San Antonio. By taking this brief survey, residents were given an opportunity to help shape potential changes in community pet laws and form recommendations for City Council. ACS is thankful for the feedback received from the community.

Direct Public Engagement: In Person Interactions

- ACS front-line staff directed visitors to the online survey.
- Volunteers manned tables at ACS Partner Pet Wellness Clinics.
- Animal stakeholders inc. SAHS, ADL, SAPA informed their customers.

Indirect Public Engagement: Online Interactions

- ACS e-blasts.
- ACS Advisory Board distribution channels.
- City Council e-blasts.
- Non-Profit Council email list.
- Weekly ACS Facebook posts.

Proposed Pet Sale Laws



1,038

Total Responses

Survey Launched: February 14, 2020

Survey Closed: March 16, 2020

Survey in English and Spanish on [SASpeakUp.com](https://saspeakup.com)



Survey Prompts

Resident feedback on potential changes to pet sales laws was necessary to understand how much support ACS would receive from the community. Controlling the stray and roaming dog population is dependent on the community's support for responsible pet ownership. As ACS evaluated several potential changes in community pet laws and formed recommendations for City Council, residents provided their feedback to the following survey prompts.

1. Minimum fines should be raised from \$100 to at least \$500 for all individuals convicted of pet sales violations in San Antonio.
2. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal shelter.
3. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal control agency.
4. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal rescue organization.
5. Pet shops should be required to issue a written statement to the purchaser indicating where the dog or cat they are selling was acquired from.
6. Pet shops should be required to issue a document to the purchaser verifying the animal is microchipped.
7. Pet shops should be required to issue a bill of good health to the purchaser verifying the animal is free of common internal parasites or has been recently treated.

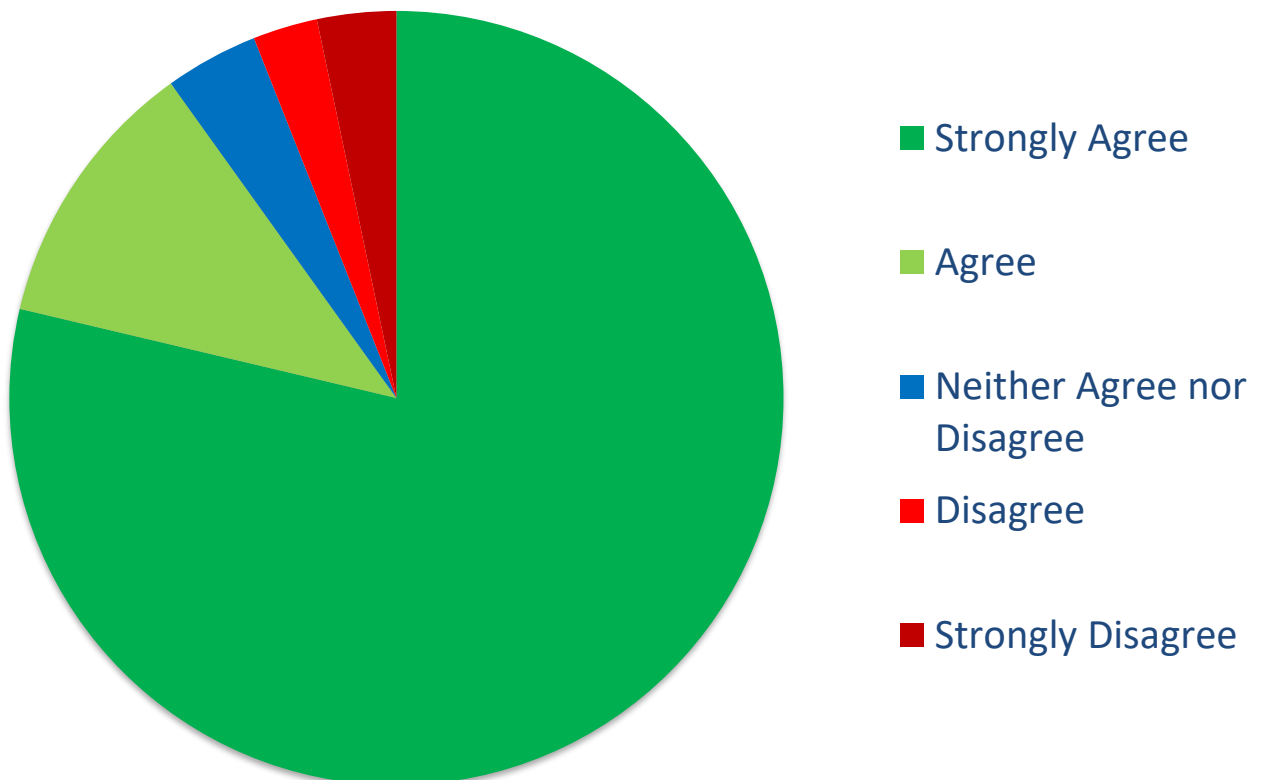
8. Pet shops should be required to issue a bill of good health to the purchaser verifying the animal is immunized against common diseases.
9. Pet shops should be required to recommend the purchaser take their pet for a visit to a veterinarian promptly after purchase.

1. Minimum fines should be raised from \$100 to at least \$500 for all individuals convicted of pet sales violations in San Antonio.

Answered: 1,038

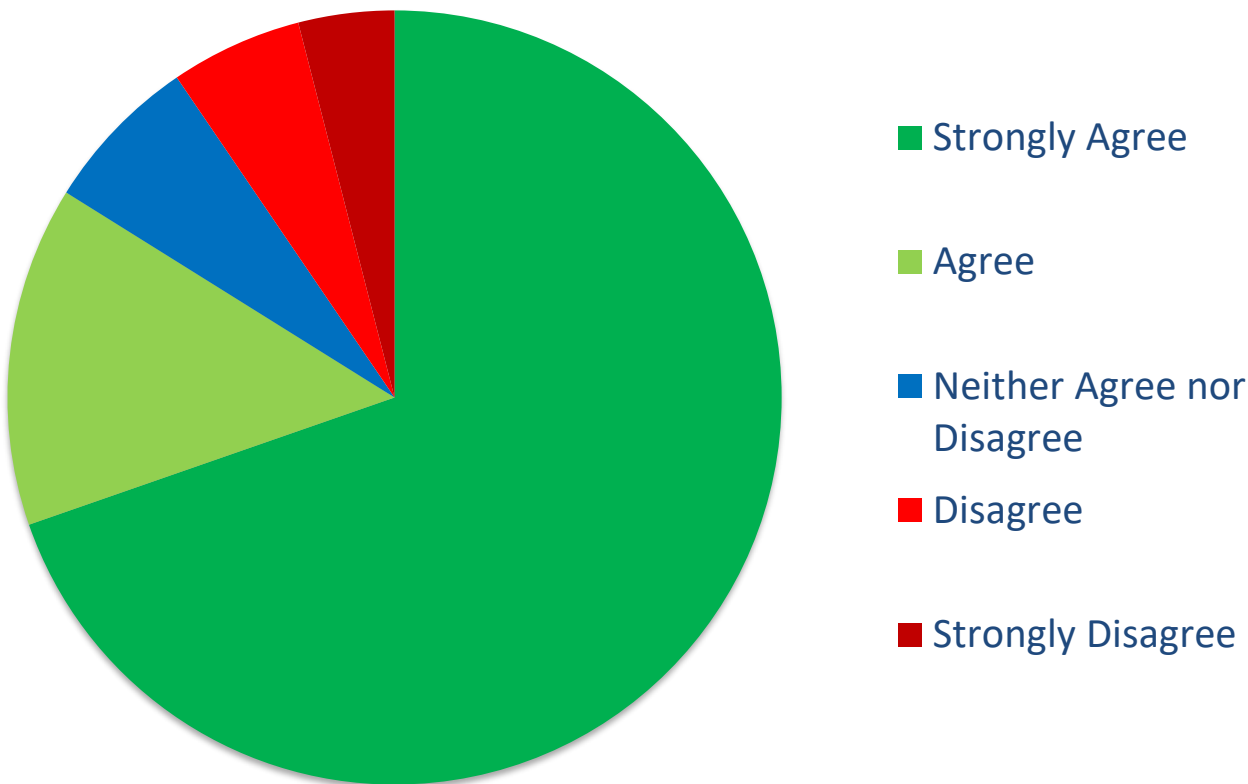
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RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Strongly Agree	78.7%	817
Agree	12.9%	118
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.1%	41
Disagree	2.7%	28
Strongly Disagree	3.2%	34
Total Respondents: 1,038		



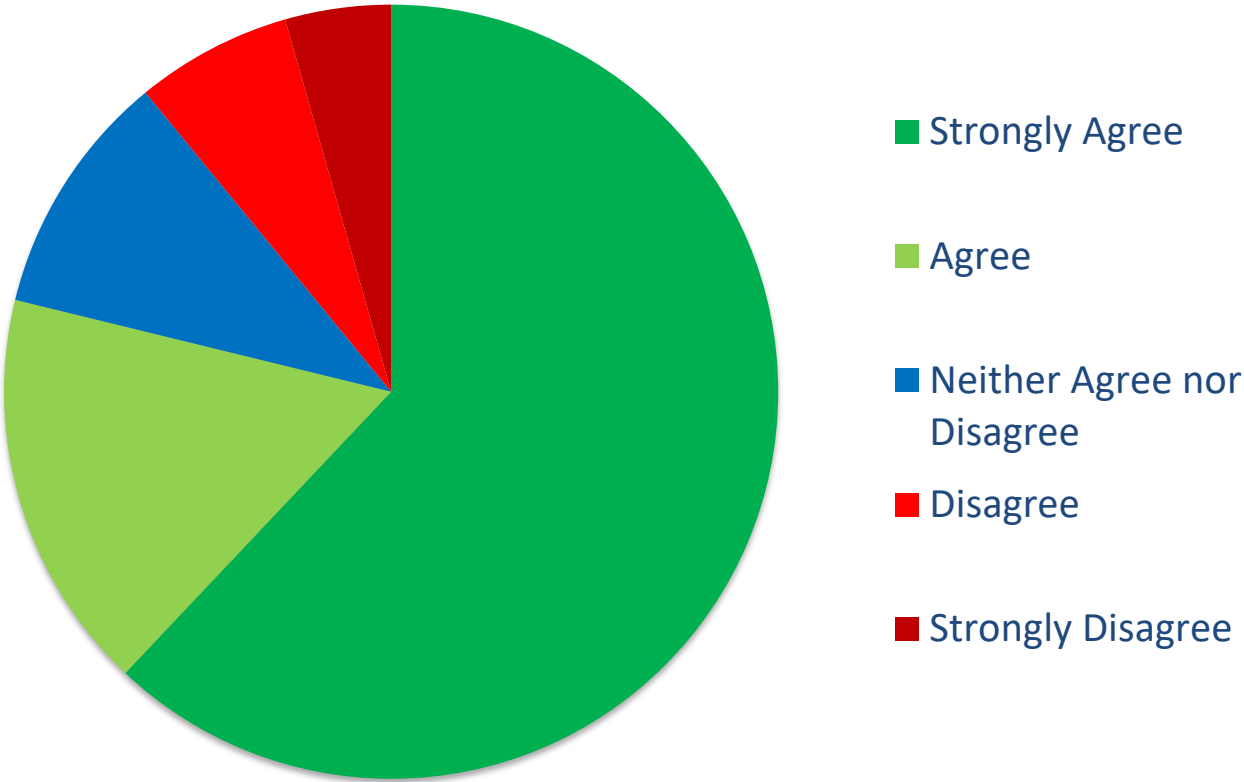
2. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal shelter.

Answered: 1,036		Skipped: 2	
RESPONSES		RESULTS	
Strongly Agree		69.6%	722
Agree		14.2%	147
Neither Agree nor Disagree		6.6%	68
Disagree		5.5%	57
Strongly Disagree		4.0%	42
Total Respondents: 1,036			



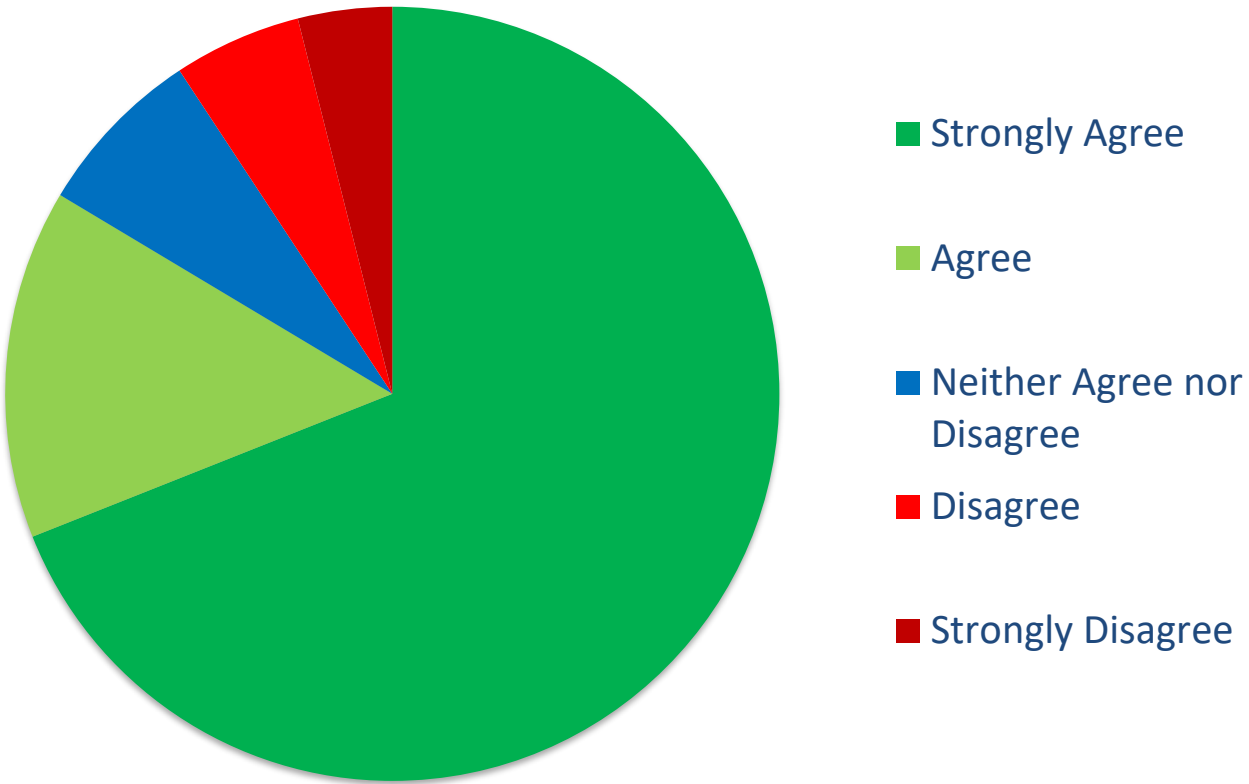
3. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal control agency.

Answered: 1,033		Skipped: 5	
RESPONSES		RESULTS	
Strongly Agree		61.8%	641
Agree		16.7%	173
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10.2%	106
Disagree		6.5%	67
Strongly Disagree		4.4%	46
Total Respondents: 1,033			



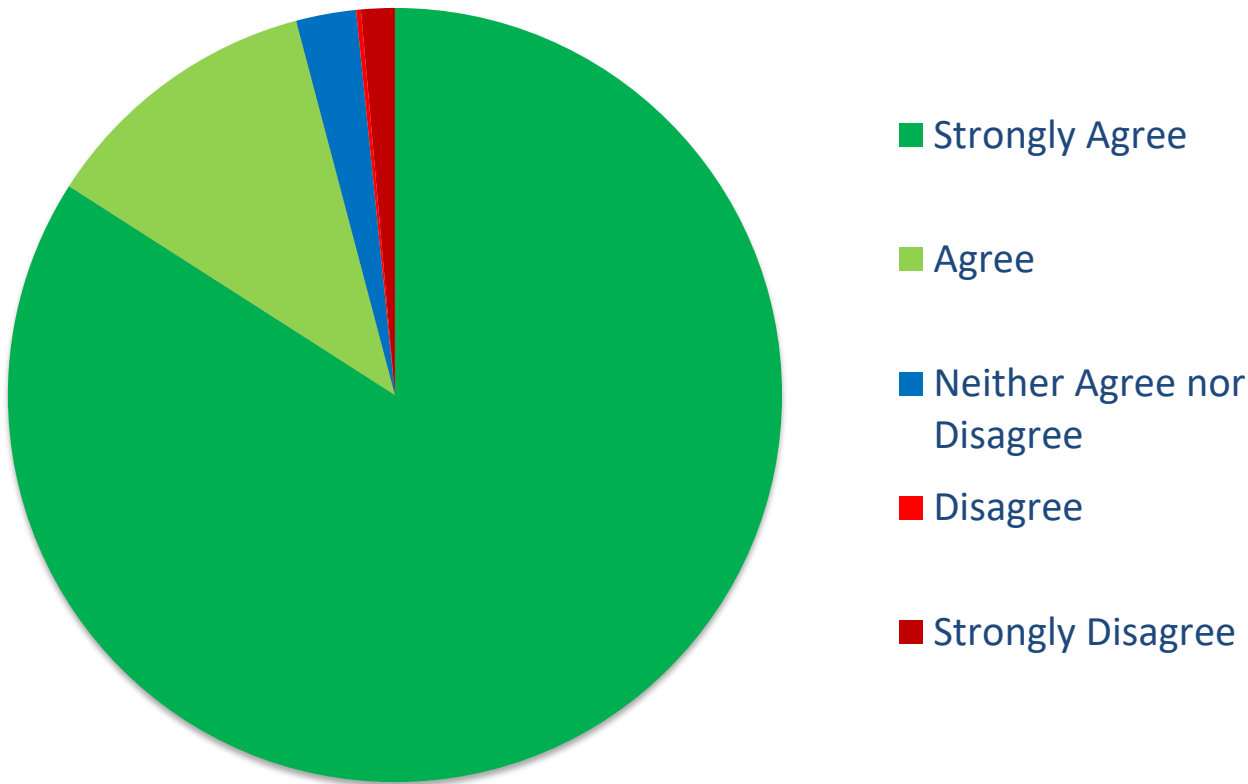
4. Pet shops should not sell a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat was obtained from an animal rescue organization.

Answered: 1,032		Skipped: 6	
RESPONSES		RESULTS	
Strongly Agree		68.5%	711
Agree		14.5%	151
Neither Agree nor Disagree		7.1%	74
Disagree		5.3%	55
Strongly Disagree		3.9%	41
Total Respondents: 1,032			



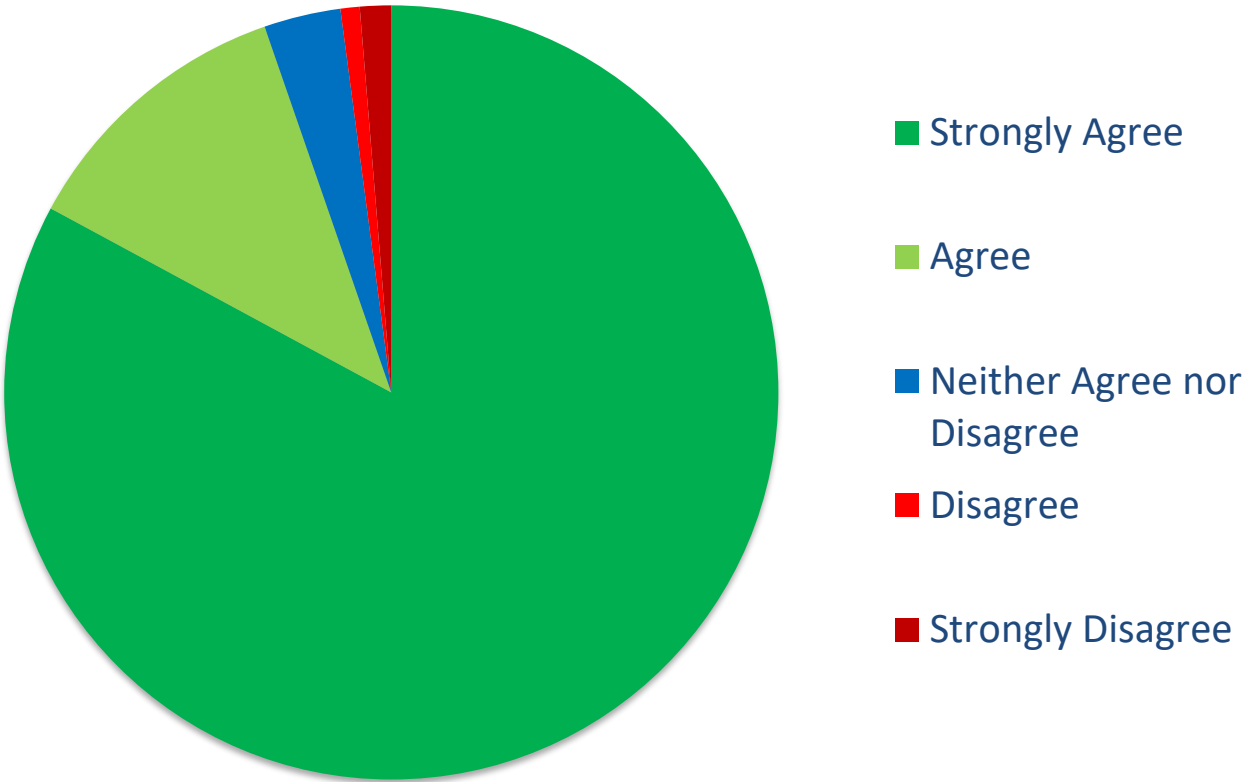
5. The City of San Antonio should create laws that prohibit individual residents from selling dogs and cats that did not come from an animal shelter or nonprofit rescue group.

Answered: 1,036		Skipped: 2	
RESPONSES		RESULTS	
Strongly Agree		83.9%	871
Agree		11.8%	122
Neither Agree nor Disagree		2.5%	26
Disagree		0.2%	2
Strongly Disagree		1.4%	15
Total Respondents: 1,036			



6. Pet shops should be required to issue a document to the purchaser verifying the animal is microchipped.

Answered: 1,036		Skipped: 2	
RESPONSES		RESULTS	
Strongly Agree		82.8%	859
Agree		11.8%	123
Neither Agree nor Disagree		3.2%	33
Disagree		0.8%	8
Strongly Disagree		1.3%	13
Total Respondents: 1,036			

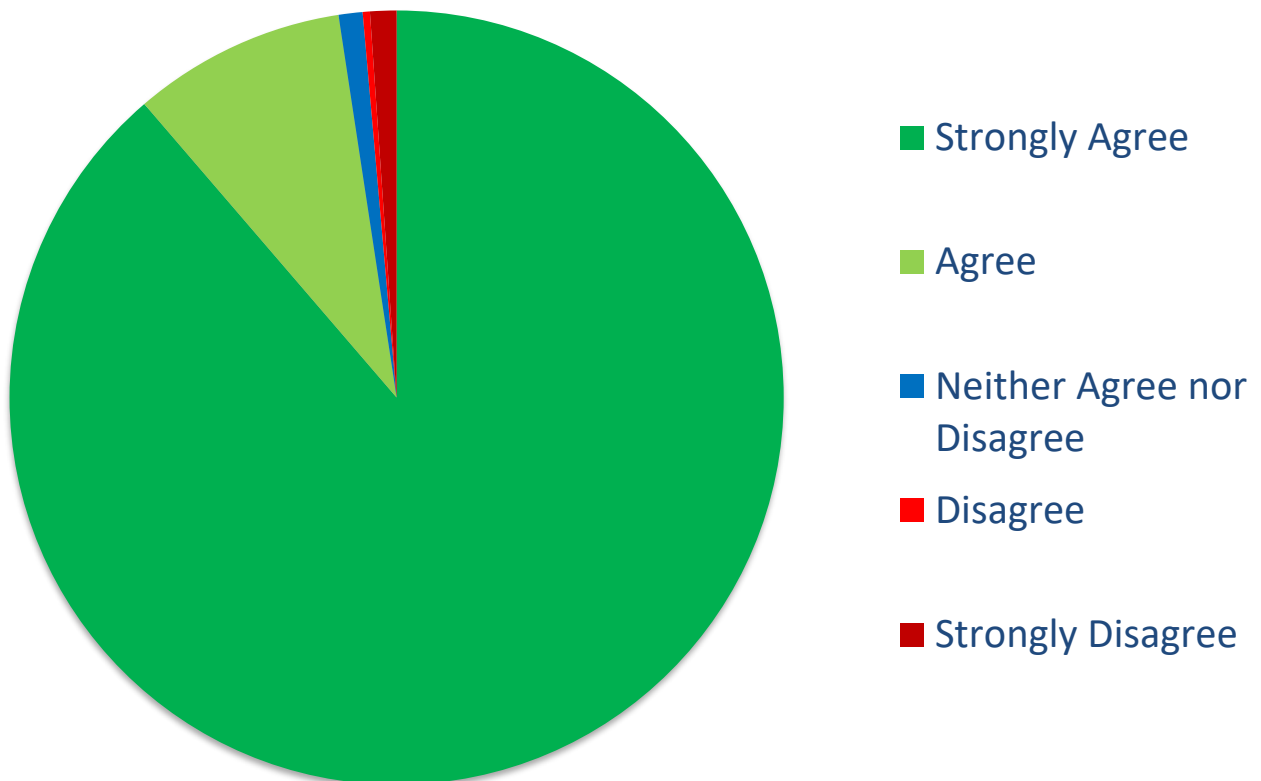


7. Pet shops should be required to issue a bill of good health to the purchaser verifying the animal is free of common internal parasites or has been recently treated.

Answered: 1,037

Skipped: 1

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Strongly Agree	88.7%	921
Agree	8.9%	92
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1.0%	10
Disagree	0.3%	3
Strongly Disagree	1.1%	11
Total Respondents: 1,037		

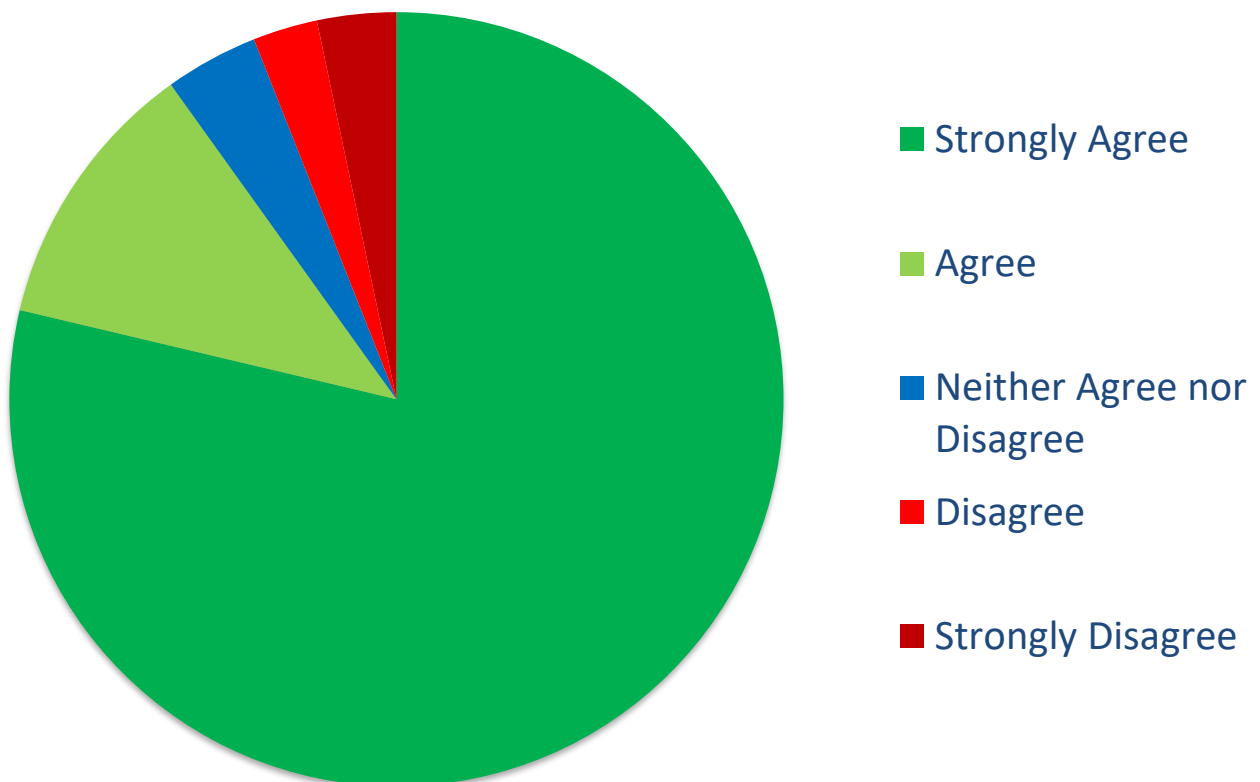


8. Pet shops should be required to issue a bill of good health to the purchaser verifying the animal is immunized against common diseases.

Answered: 1,035

Skipped: 3

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Strongly Agree	89.0%	924
Agree	8.5%	88
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.9%	9
Disagree	0.3%	3
Strongly Disagree	1.1%	11
Total Respondents: 1,035		

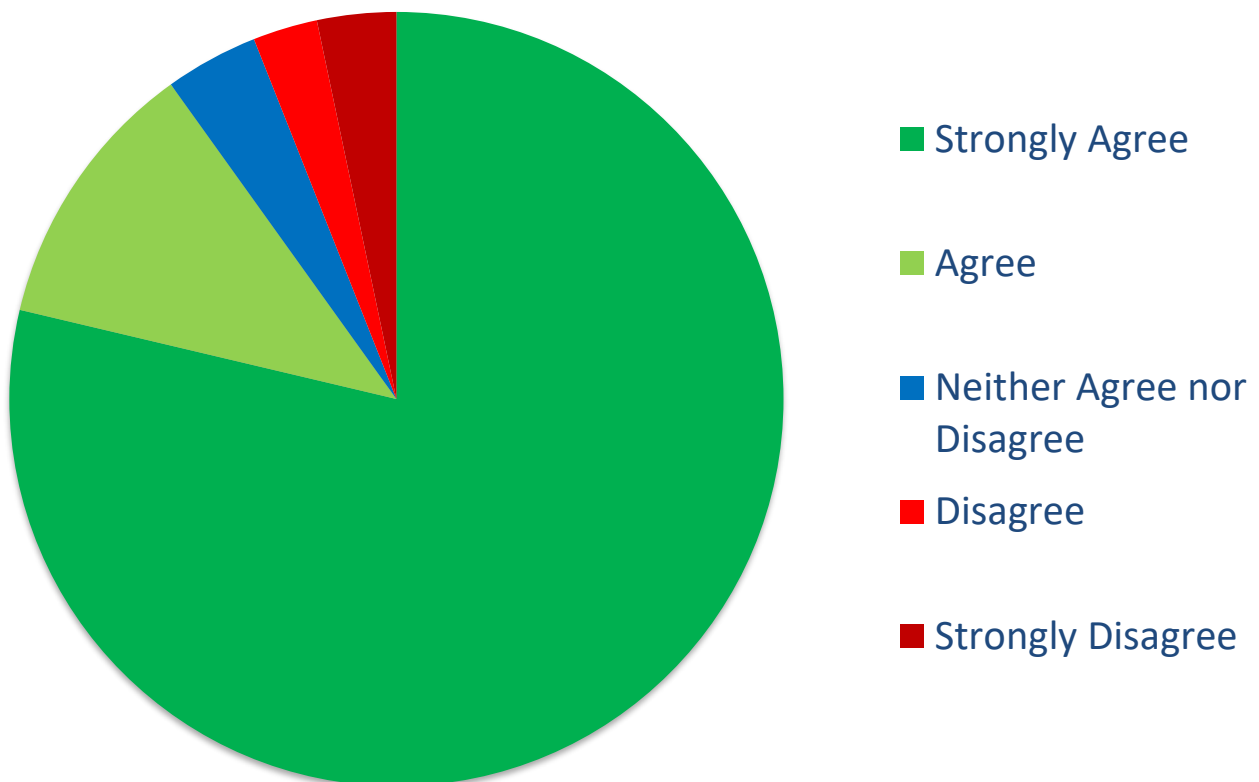


9. Pet shops should be required to recommend the purchaser take their pet for a visit to a veterinarian promptly after purchase.

Answered: 1,036

Skipped: 2

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Strongly Agree	79.1%	821
Agree	13.7%	142
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4.9%	51
Disagree	0.9%	9
Strongly Disagree	1.3%	13
Total Respondents: 1,036		



COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS



City Council District

Answered: 1,023 Skipped: 15

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Council District 1	4.91%	51
Council District 2	4.53%	47
Council District 3	5.20%	54
Council District 4	4.72%	49
Council District 5	3.76%	39
Council District 6	7.03%	73
Council District 7	6.94%	72
Council District 8	4.62%	48
Council District 9	5.11%	53
Council District 10	5.11%	53
I live outside the city limits of San Antonio	13.9%	145
Unknown	32.6%	339
Total Respondents: 1,023		

Gender

Answered: 1,033 Skipped: 5

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
Female	84.6%	878
Male	11.6%	120
Prefer not to answer	3.0%	31
Prefer to self-describe	0.3%	3
Total Respondents: 1,033		

Age Group

Answered: 1,026 Skipped: 12

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
18-24	11.4%	118
25-34	22.5%	234
35-44	20.6%	214
45-54	17.7%	184
55-64	14.3%	148
65-74	6.6%	69
75 Years or over	1.2%	12
Prefer not to answer	1.3%	14
Under 18	3.2%	33
Total Respondents: 1,026		

Ethnicity

Answered: 1,028 Skipped: 10

RESPONSES	RESULTS	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.87%	9
Asian	1.64%	17
Black or African American	1.45%	15
Hispanic/Latinx	39.21%	407
Middle Eastern or North African	0.10%	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.10%	1
Other Race/Ethnicity	1.16%	12
White or Caucasian	52.5%	545
Multiracial	2.02%	21
Total Respondents: 1,028		

Supportive of Proposed Changes

1. Provide information on where the animal came from. Stronger restrictions or fees on people who sell their dogs illegally.
2. Ban the sale of dogs, cats and other domestic pets except from rescue organizations and shelters.
3. The proof of health and vaccinations for a pet acquired from a pet shop should be a health certificate that is signed by a licensed veterinarian. Proof of micro-chipping should be done at the pet shop, in front of the new owner. Every pet shop should have a chip scanner. Paperwork should be given to new owner to transfer/register microchip.
4. No animals or Birds or Reptiles or Cattle should be sold on the side of the road or at any kind of Flea Market or Market
5. any animals sold should have to be spay/neutered microchipped. Do not allow breeders ACS kills so many daily and so do nearly ALL TX shelters. Some kill well over 10,000/year some shelters in TX thousands more! insanity to just allow anyone to breed/buy! Especially w/o genetic testing. Want to allow any breeders? I dont think so but at least have them pay thousands/year per dog! Until all the homeless have a home its shear insanity. You will save MONEY too! Tons of money!
6. License breeders of pets, set requirements for licensing and maintaining licensing, severe penalties for unlicensed breeders, but not to include destruction of healthy offspring of unlicensed breeders.
7. The sale of pets should be highly discouraged. Pet shops should not be allowed to sell rescue animals because it

would create a market for them. There are programs that will help the adopter rehome the pet, if needed.

8. Crack down on puppy mills selling pets on Craigslist.

9. Regulation of home breeders

10. These laws will be great as long as they are enforced.

Without enforcement, they are worthless. Adding to the microchip, seller should be required to register the microchip at the time of sale. It should be required that the bill of health should be provided by a licensed veterinarian.

11. Second time Violators should receive harsh fines and or jail time. No a slap on the hand fine.

12. Sale of animals by responsible and knowledgeable breeders is great, but puppy mills and back yard breeders are bad and should be fined without the correct paperwork

13. Pet shops and other sellers should inform prospective pet buyers of their observations and any historic information regarding the animal's temperament, how well it relates to people, including kids, as well as other pets.

14. All pets should be spayed or neutered (if in good health to undergo surgery) to prevent over population.

15. Mandatory spay/neuter ordinance in place and fully enforceable.

16. There are good amount of people living in San Antonio that sell there pets from their personal homes. There should be restrictions on dog sales from that market too not just from commercial pet shops.

17. Pet shops should have to vaccinate animals upon their intake into their shop. Also, the adoption fee should be low so that they can find the animal its forever home.

18. I'm hoping this includes "backyard breeders." My backyard neighbor breeds his very young pit bull to sell her pups for income. HE is NOT a good dog owner, to say the least.

19. These are sound guidelines
20. Pets shops/kennels should be inspected annually for compliance.
21. There needs to be a easy method or way to report potential offenders. Too many backyard breeders try to post their animals for sale on Nextdoor or other sites despite the fact it is usually against the guidelines of those sites to do so. While the content is normally quickly taken down it would be nice for us to be able to easily report these (since they also NEVER include litter permit numbers like they are required to do on advertisements). Concerned citizens want to help stop this, but when there's no clear way to report, or it seems little is actually done about it that discourages people.
22. Pet shops should not sell animals/pets at all!!!
23. Educar a la gente
24. Crack down on ownership of unsterilized pets, backyard breeding, chaining dogs, allowing them to roam, roadside pet sales, etc. Provide more money for more officers to patrol and issue tickets for violations
25. Pet sales should be required to have all documentation upon request of shopper.
26. I think the fines should be 1000 so pepole can really get the message that we arent going to allow these animals to be exploited
27. I think this is a very good idea, and it's a long time coming. Other states, such as California, are moving in this direction as well.
28. This definitely should be a controlled process to be allowed to sale pets. I agree on an increase in fines for those selling animals illegal and without proper documentation and procedures.

- 29.If pets were abused the owner should know
- 30.Stop flea markets from selling outside on the road
- 31.Don't be afraid to be too restrictive. Be trendsetters for the good of those furry butts that can not advocate for themselves.
- 32.Selling of animals on side of roads should be a priority when called in. Animals confiscated and people fined. They should have stiff penalties as well.
- 33.People breeding pets and selling them from their homes should be illegal. There should be penalties for this.
- 34.I adopted a cockerspaniel puppy from pet land. He was a roan mixed color. Adorable. He had so many health issues. He had to have 16 teeth extracted. Severe skin allergies with skin infections, bilateral ear canal removal due to chronic ear infections, multiple visits to vets and dermatologist and treatment. Just don't know if the puppies came from over bred dogs that could be born with genetic medical problems or puppy mills that abuse dogs for breeding purposes and profit. Pet stores should sell puppies from animal care services and rescues to control unwanted pet population and owners that can't afford high medical bills and take them to animal care services.
- 35.Stricter guidelines for adopters through shelters and animal control ie: background checks, credit checks etc. too many animals are brought back because people purchase them in impulse then find out they are not prepared emotionally, financially or physically. Stricter interview and vetting process needs to be implemented
- 36.no sales from breeders
- 37.I don't think pet shops should sell cats or dogs!

- 38.Pet shops should be required to issue written statement, but also include specifics about where the animal came from (contact, name, and phone)
- 39.This change is needed if we are ever going to make people responsible for the animals they take on
- 40.Stop people from “re-homing” if a pet to gets around the city’s requirements
- 41.animals should be kept in humane conditions, given, proper care, nutrition, and exercise
- 42.Their license should be prominently ALL licenses should be displayed in letters big enough to read!!
- 43.Also require all animals be neutered unless they are permitted breeders.
- 44.spayed or neutered
- 45.The county should also look into doing this!
- 46.Illegal pet sales and pet sales without ACS permit are rampant on Craigslist San Antonio. Is there a way the city can at investigate some of those people and fine them? Any way ACS can place official ads on Craigslist SA, warning about illegality of pet sales w/out permit? Nobody is buying these ACS permits! The only solution is to make ILLEGAL ANY dog or cat sales. Period. Making that clear and understood.
- 47.Strong enforcement of these laws need to follow up the passage and start date of those laws.
- 48.No pet purchase legislation needed.
- 49.Please be aggressive with not only the pet shops but also with enforcing the fines of the pet owners.
- 50.Pets sold from stores should be required to be spayed/neutered
- 51.Fines should be higher. Ordinances stricter.

52. Enforcement must be a top priority in order for these laws to be effective.
53. stricter rules about profiting off of a pet.
54. many people has dog and selling dogs when they have baby dogs. they just need to be educated about what they need if they like to sell dogs or cat. many family are low income families with no education in business. all can sell in garages or flea market. they need money, why they will be penalized.
55. Have a public database of all addresses where a puppy litter permit has been granted. That way, if we see a litter in someone's yard, we can check to see if they were permitted and, if not, call it in to ACS. There are many houses where I see multiple puppies, and no way to check if the owners have gotten permits. Perhaps also having to post a permit in a public location at the house, the way we have to with home repairs.
56. If a someone is to buy a cat or dog from a pet shop there needs to be an agreement that if the pet is not suitable for the buyer that the pet shop will allow the buyer to surrender the pet back to the shop so the dog/cat can then be available for adoption
57. Pet Shops should have minimum care requirements including cage size, exercise outdoors & socialization practices.
58. If the City wishes to require all pet shops to sell cats or dogs only obtained from rescue group type organizations/groups/individuals there must be some oversight, including inspections, on these organizations/individuals to ensure the animals are being sourced from reputable, healthy, safe environments. It is currently illegal to breed and/or sell dogs or cats without

proper permits but it still happens every day. More restrictions on pet shops only will not reduce this issue of backyard breeding - whether intentional or accidental.

- 59.No roadside sales at all. With or without a permit.
- 60.Increase the punishment for animal cruelty.
- 61.Pet shops are not the issue, back yard breeders are the problem, but I support this measure.
- 62.The pet shops should also be monitored for Habitual violators and Increase the penalty.
- 63.Stop so much breeding
- 64.Dogs and Cats should be required to not be kept outdoors.
- 65.Could there be rules about how animals are cared for when being held in a pet store: size of kennels, cleanliness, exercise periods, etc.
- 66.Ban the sale of animals from puppy mills
- 67.Make it illegal
- 68.on animals on "sale" should be spayed/neutered. Animals should be sold at a fair price to avoid bargaining or being used as cash cows. I don't agree with selling animals in general but i do believe this is a step in the right direction.
- 69.People selling animals within city limits should be required to do all the same as pet shops.
- 70.Fine people who also attempt to purchase a dog from a breeder.
- 71.All breeders must follow said rules
- 72.Please keep decisions humane and make it friendly. Most problems with animals are the owners doing.
- 73.that it's good or even good amazing how ya'll lowered the percentages of dogs life span of being in a shelter.
- 74.There should be limitations on local breeders as well.
Inbreeding laws, vaccination laws, etc

- 75.no sales of pets, only adoptions until we can get the pet population under control, we need to heavily regulate any and all breeding, there is just no good reason at this time to breed. We need to set very high standards for any place selling pets, like the ones listed in the above questions, strongly agree with all of the questions
- 76.People need to be fine in order to stop breeding and seeming. Too many homeless animals. And the city needs to make their rounds. Many dogs still tied up and neglected.
- 77.I do not think dogs and/or cats should be bred or sold anywhere in the city.
- 78.Pet shops should be inspected to ensure they are treating the animals they sell humanely
- 79.Ban sales completely. We have way too many dogs being abandoned and euthanized in this city.
- 80.Make it illegal to sell puppies/kittens on a sidewalk or out of a car.
- 81.No more pet sales.
- 82.dogs shouldn't be bred multiple times for money 1 or 2 times max and then spayed. And people should be fined for having more than the legal limit of animals on the property. Unless all chipped, fed well, spayed or neutered. It is disgusting how many animals are on the streets in our state and it should be a lot harder to pay for dogs and cheaper for us to adopt.
- 83.Actually enforce those selling animals on the side of the streets or in parking lots.
- 84.Breeding animals for the sole purpose of profit should be banned and not encouraged. Therefore, "pet shops" with dogs and cats should receive all their animals from shelters.

If this does not happen, there are higher chances of puppy mills and bad breeding practices.

85. Selling pets should be illegal in San Antonio (everywhere actually but especially here where so many are euthanized) also teathered pets should also be illegal for more than an hour or two. Leave ing pets in rain or below 45 degrees outside (regardless of shelter and good) should be illegal. Pets should have to be spayed or nurtured when adopted or should be before adoption .
86. They should not sell pets there are to many homeless animals
87. Limits on breeding for the purpose of sale (purebreds). With the city overrun with homeless pets and shelters filled to the brim, it is unnecessary to purposefully produce new animals.
88. No selling at all
89. No back yard breeding should be allowed for profit.
90. High fines for anyone breaking the above laws
91. Register all breeders within city limits. Unless pet is AKC purebred owned by registered breeder it should be required to be spayed or neutered.
92. There should be fines for online sales of animals that do not have spay/neuter microchip and vaccines.
93. Pets should not be sold, they should be adopted. Applicants should be screened.
94. Pet shops should NEVER sell pets. Are you saying that if someone comes in who wants a pet you will sell to them no matter what? Or is there screening like shelters and rescues do? I am not for pet shops selling any cat or dog from any source if there is a profit motive involved. If it will be adoptions through ACS or a rescue or shelter (like pet smart does), then that's okay. But this survey should clarify

the definitions of “pet shop” and “sell” to get accurate replies. As it’s worded now, I am not for anyone SELLING an animal. They can adopt it, with fee, to an appropriate vetted household.

95. All individuals selling animals on roadsides, in parking lots, etc or posting signs for selling animals should be fined each and every time they are caught. There should also be enforcement of laws prohibiting breeding of animals without a license (and there should never be a breeders license)
96. Breeders should obtain permits.
97. The pet should be required to be fully vetted for age of pet, the pet should be fixed prior to going home with the new owner, pet must be chipped and registered before going home with the new owner also. A fine should be charged and charges of neglect should be put on the seller if not.
98. Only individuals with licenses should be allowed to breed animals, sales to anyone other than another licensed breeder should require animals be spayed or neutered. Breeders should be subject to inspection. Pet shops should only sell dogs and cats from a rescue organization, all of which should be spayed/neutered.
99. All rescue orgs, animal control agencies, humane societies should be licensed.
100. need to crack down sales on all social media
101. All pet sales should be illegal. The only animals in pet stores should be rescued animals up for adoption
102. Source of the animal can be obfuscated. It would be good to have a definition of puppy farm that is in plain speak on the documentation provided to buyers.
103. Enforcement and education is just as important as the laws themselves- correct resources to ensure the laws are being understood and followed. Also, pets are being sold for at

least \$500-800+ depending on the breed. A \$500 fine, doesn't cover the cost of one sale. Therefore it is not a penalty to the seller much at all. Mandated spay and neuter at the first violation of not having correct papers would be ideal.

104. crack down on fleamarket sales of all pets.
105. I would think something should be done for repeat offenders and if someone is caught illegally selling animals after the initial fine.
106. People selling animals on the side of the road or on internet sites such as Facebook and craigslist should be fined if they cannot provide license for breeding. Repeat offenders should have fines increased each time.
107. Crack down on people who sale dogs out of their home and who bring dogs from Mexico and the animals are sick.
108. Also stop the selling of animals on Fb, the Nextdoor App and other selling apps !!!!! Heavy consequences for those breeding animals for profit and sales !!!
109. It should be disclosed if an animal has an abuse history so that potential owners are aware. If they choose to adopt that animal, a disclosure should be signed to ensure they understand the behaviors and issues that can arise with previously abused animals.
110. No more breeders! It contributes to the amount of lose animals on the streets and reduces the amount that could be adopted from a shelter
111. I feel there should not be any selling of pets unless the pet is from a shelter or rescue organization. Giving people the permission to sell pets adds to the problem. If it is illegal then we can hopefully make a difference in breeding dogs.
112. Get going on this....
113. This should apply to everyone, not just pet shops.

114. The City should monitor websites such as Craigs List for individuals selling pets in violation of City ordinances. Also, there should be an added fee imposed upon all pet sales that would be refunded if the buyer provides proof it spayed/neutered the pet within a certain amount of time after the sale.
115. I ABSOLUTELY ENCOURAGE THESE NEW PROPOSED LAWS!! For that matter the fine for animal sales violations should be \$1000. You have to hit people where it hurts....their wallet.
116. Rescues should be required to acquire pets from shelters through rescue placement rather than adopting pets with intentions of selling them for profit
117. Ensure that all pets in their care, awaiting to be sold are fed nutritiously, properly exercised and shown affection and given a toy or blanket.
118. That they be properly spayed or neutered by a professional vet dr... No pet should be spayed or neutered by unprofessionals.
119. There should be stronger enforcement of laws against pet sales at flea markets, side of road, etc. ALL ANIMALS within the city should be required to be spayed or neutered and the city have the funds to enforce that law and to provide those services at a lower cost to those in need. ACS needs more funding for all the spay/neuter programs that currently exist, as well as enforcement of current laws. Stray animals remain a huge problem in much of the city.
120. All sales of pets at flea markets and on streets should be against the law
121. More enforcement for people selling pets on corners & in parking lots.
122. That if the pets are confiscated they are not euthanized

123. Ban pet shops like Petland from selling puppy mill dogs.
124. Add stiff fines for backyard breeders
125. All these suggestions for pet shops should apply to individual sales as well
126. I would like to see active enforcement taken against backyard breeders including taking the dogs and any offspring into custody immediately and referring them to approved rescue groups. I would like to see a hotline established for reporting. I would like to see fines levied of at least \$1000 per animal to put some teeth into the law. There are way too many animals euthanized in San Antonio and severe penalties need to be enacted.
127. Heavy fines should be imposed upon individuals who practice roadside sales of animals.
128. Ban puppy mills - only specialized breeders
129. Pet shops should have regular surprise inspections.
130. More restrictions and penalties for individuals selling animals.
131. The problem is roadside and private sales - some are advertised on social media. Undocumented pets can carry diseases, etc.
132. Ban sales of pets online in all social media sites and fine the site. Many are stolen from owners.
133. Actively finding homes for all animals, no more putting animals down, for simply being past date.
134. Private sellers should also be included in these laws. Too many backyard breeders selling on sites such as craigslist.
135. Craigslist and other online opportunities to give away animals or sell them should be a criminal offense unless promoted by certified rescue groups
136. A \$500 fine is not enough. Should be \$2500
137. Close down puppy mills

138. Please stop the constant backyard breeding that sells animals on SE Military and places like craigslist. Backyard breeding is why so many of the pitbulls end up at ACS in a year.
139. People on social media living in the city that ask for a large rehoming fee (selling) should also have the same law applied to them.
140. You need to crack down on the "road side" sellers...these are the biggest culprits and their puppies are often sick and/or inbred...
141. Should be regulated better. Need paper trail for the selling and purchasing of animals.
142. Save all the babies and get them good homes
143. Backyard breeding is an issue. It's done in order to make a quick buck. I believe the fine should be more than \$500. We have loose inadequate laws in place and that is why we see so much suffering, abuse, neglect, and over population in San Antonio. You need to protect the helpless!
144. Would love to see pet stores also required to display information about the importance of adoption over purchasing bred dogs.
145. Changes need to be made to alleviate the overcrowding burden on Animal Care Services and other rescue organizations. We can't keep doing the same thing each year and expect progress.
146. Now address the problem with backyard breeders!
147. Should check sites like craigslist, 5mile where pet sales are rampant
148. There are so many shelter and rescue dogs and cats So I feel these should fill the pet stores!! Need a crackdowns on Backyard BREEDING!! Major fines if caught!!

149. Dogs or cats sold should be spayed and neutered before sale. Owners of unaltered existing pets should be fined, refundable once they have the animal spayed and neutered. Start education modules in San Antonio schools about responsible pet ownership.
150. Numerous neighbors illegally breed & sell dogs. Although I have brought this neighbor & what they are doing to the attention of ACS nothing is ever done. I am told that I have to take a photo or find where they post the sales. Neighbors breed their dogs over & over & over. This is inhumane, not to mention the fact that these individuals do not claim the income on their taxes. The City needs to follow through, and make these individuals pay! Also, someone needs to check the neighborhood websites for dog sales postings. This information has been given to ACS numerous times.
151. All back yard breeders should be banned from selling animals. No permits should be given and strict enforcement should be done.
152. There has to be some sort of regulations on back yard breeders too. We have such a huge problem and there should be some sort of registration required to intentionally breed your animal. Also there should be a fine when an unaltered pet is picked up by ACS. We need every citizen to take responsibility for these animals.
153. Breeders need stricter rules, too.
154. Individuals breeding and selling pets should have to pay a high fee and should be illegal. After 3 offenses it should be made a Misdemeanor offense where they have to go to court and receive jail time or probation. These individuals make over \$500 per dog they sell so paying a small fee like \$100 or \$500 isn't enough. They just pay the fee and move on. I

think pet shops should be able to sell pets as long as they have microchipped neutered or spayed and vaccinated.

155.Don't allow puppy Mills

156.When reporting illicit selling of animals, it takes too long for the city to respond. By the time they respond, the seller is gone.

157.They doggie just be registered as selling pets, also, registered to verify what kind of pets they are selling. Maybe take a class in proper pet care

158.The selling of dogs and cats should be outlawed. There are too many loopholes for puppy mills to stay in business.

159.monitor social media platforms where most of the illegal sales are being solicited

160.The pet shop should provide information that enables the purchaser to register the chip - similar to what ACS does

161.Puppy mill breeders should be required to pass inspections of their homes. Pet shop animals should be sold already spayed/neutered.

162.maybe require a license that needs to be paid for to breed and sale pets. if caught without a license a large fine should be given. The problem would be possibly illegal breeding and abandoning of animals.

163.Pet shops should be banned and against the Law. I moved here from another state and am horrified by your dog and cat problems. It starts with the citizens who do not take care of their pets but then slay and neuter should be the first then a no kill shelter regardless of intake. Pet stores serve no purpose at ALL!!!! They are already banned where I am from. The way a city takes care of its animals who are only homeless because of people is a the only direct Reflection of that city. I will continue to tell the rest of the United States how horrible SA is with their animals. It's

proven fact. You must get to the public to force them to be responsible for their pets as well as forcing places to allow pets to move with their owners. No restrictions. Forced Spay And Neuter as well as Heartworm. Please please please do something.

164. Require breeders (backyard breeders included) to be licensed or pay a \$5000 fine. Require breeders to pay \$5000 to get a license.
165. Stop backyard breeding! Give harsh fines and even jail time.
166. Backyard breeders have to stop if we want to be able to stop euthanizing perfectly healthy animals.
167. Anyone that is caught selling pets of any kind on the side of the road should be fined or face possible jail time
168. I am noticing the increased number of dogs that were adopted at ACS or SAPA being sold on Craigslist
169. Ban all together unless from an animal control or rescue. All pet sales from breeding thwart efforts to get abandoned or stray dogs homes.
170. Increased fines and jail time for repeat offenders. Additional fines for pets not immunized, heartworm positive or in poor physical condition.
171. San Antonio should require a drivers license when adopting or buying or even getting a free pet, might cut down on dumping them
172. I'm thinking that reputable breeders may be the way to go for any animals being sold at a pet shop. They must have proof of their business not being a puppy mill!!!
173. Pet sales should be ethical
174. Take care of animals as if they were your citizens you claim to want to protect.

175. The public needs to be educated on the ordinances, and the ordinances need to have enough teeth to change negative behavior
176. Greater fines should be imposed to deter and punish those who abuse of animals. Although animals are lawfully property, they deserve better laws to protect them from Inhumane circumstances
177. There are too many dogs in animal shelters that need homes. Pets being breed can be a result of incest which pets can be prone to genetic defects and medical problems. Which will lead to more pets being put into shelters or animal control.
178. all must be spayed or neutered
179. Yearly registration fees for unaltered dogs/cats
180. I would like to have spat and neuter laws be strictly enforced, like they are in some states like Colorado where the pet population is not a problem. We can do better!! We can set a good example for the rest of the state!
181. Fees should be regulated if a "pet shop" is using rescued animals.
182. Pet sales should be monitored and pet sale laws enforced as a very high priority.
183. Petland should be closed down.
184. Hire an officer for the sole purpose of pet sales, to investigate and enforce permits and licenses that allow for the breeding and sales of that litter. Undercover, special forces, I don't care but it's getting ridiculous. And when they issue the person a license to sell, and the right to breed, the city should follow up on the status of each puppy
185. All adopted pets should be spayed or neutered to guarantee no more euthanasia

186. Pet stores should not be allowed to keep any sick animals at the store. They should all be kept at a veterinarian.
187. I'm not sure how this can be enforced, but some irresponsible pet breeders use inbreeding practices.
188. Would like to see better enforcement of laws pertaining to "backyard breeders".
189. Free spay and neuters
190. Every pet is entitled to a good no matter if its from a shelter or breeder and punishing the breeders for selling a pup of healthy standards with warranty should be able to sale
191. Control breeders. Make them have a license and inspect their facilities. Animals are getting tortured to reproduce. Meanwhile there are several animals that need a home.
192. ACS Director Heber, Please work together by engaging with rescue community, city council members, Maria Villagomez, Lisa Norwood, Diego Bernal and any other law enforcement agencies to come up with a serious plan of action. Preferably , ban the sale or breeding of animals in the city limits. Thank you.
193. Animals should not be sold at flea markets because usually they do not take adequate care of the animals
194. Stores like Petland need to be shut down. Breeding should not be allowed for the purpose of making a profit and large fines should be imposed. If people want to own a pet, they should be required to spay/neuter, chip and keep pets current on monthly prevention.
195. Pet shops should be able to prove cats or dogs didn't come from a puppy mill
196. There should NOT be pet shops in San Antonio selling cats or dogs.

197. Cracking down on backyard breeders. Many sell animals to pet store. Rabbits and other small mammals and reptiles should be treated the same.
198. All pet must be spayed or neutered BEFORE sale!
199. There are so many backyard breeders here especially of pitbulls. I wish more could be done to stop the over breeding. So many end up euthanized. 😞
200. I think that road side sales should be 100% illegal and not allowed. If you are a reputable breeder you should not need to camp out to sell their dogs.
201. San Antonio is overrun with unwanted, abused and neglected pets. We need to stop the sale of all animals in pet stores immediately, and greatly increase the fines and punishments for any mistreatment of animals.
202. Strong enforcement and policing of side road sales of pets
203. There should not be any ads available online that allow people to sell pets for Example on Craigslist .
204. Pet sales by individuals should not be allowed in San Antonio and there should be higher fines for people who sell pets in Craigslist, Facebook or any other selling app
205. ENFORCE Illegal Breeding/Seller & Litter permits!! Hire additional manpower/detectives to investigate online illegal pet sales, dog flippers, baiters and fighters on social media (Facebook, Craiglist, La Pulga, etc)
206. We need to stop the killing in shelters & this the first step. Every pet in homes in San Antonio should be Neutered or spayed or pay a fine.
207. seller qualification classes and sale permits that are given when the city believes that person is fit to be able to sell pets
208. We should not have "pet shops" period! The sale of animals should not be allowed at all, therefore no

regulations on pet shops will need to be in place if they cease to exist.

209.Mandatory they are fixed

210.Pet-shops shouldn't be making a profit off of rescue animals: this good intention can go really bad... Stick with the Petco/PetSmart model that rents out space to rescues. However, it is usually shady breeders that sell to the shops that are the problem. I get it: some people want pure-breeds and that is okay but needs to be done in a logical way

211.Go look at these breeder "facilities". These breeding animals are not pets, they're commodities.

212.All of these questions relate to the "sale" of pets. Pet shops should not be allowed to sell dogs and cats. They should only have adoptable and sterilized pets available to good homes. I love San Antonio, but the way we treat companion animals in this city is disappointing. It's also embarrassing and shameful that people's dogs roam the streets with no consequence to the owners. Because the laws are not upheld or strong enough we euthanize dogs at ACS everyday. I have an employee that complained to 311 about a woman in her neighborhood with dead dogs in her yard and nothing was done! It is unacceptable. ACO's should have been there holding her accountable for her many roaming, intact, and clearly neglected animals.

213.Mandatory spay neuter of all. Animals sold

214.The pet being sold should be spayed or neutered before the sale.

215.Forced surrender of dogs/cats for "roadside" sales.

216.You need to crack down on the Flea Market sale of animals and the Craigslist and Facebook sale of animals. This would put a Big dent in the San Antonio Backyard

Breeder situation. The sales at all of the places come from Backyard Breeders.

217. Animal Cruelty Law should be more stringent and charge bigger fine.

218. Stop backyard breeding. Enforce spay and neuter. Stop dumping unwanted pets. Do not tie up pets. Do not leave pets with no shelter, food or water. Enforce animal cruelty laws. San Antonio's pet overpopulation has gone on way too long, we can do better! Educate your city!!!!

219. Pet shops should have to insure that pets are not acquired from locations that conduct mass breeding in abusive environments

220. There should be laws on people who sale animals out of their homes, they should be fine \$2000 and if they go to jail and no payments are made then that amount should be taken out of their income taxes. The money obtain can go back into the city shelters and pets they have should be taken away if no proper paperwork is found for the animals. I would also like there be another law that all residents who have animals need to have paperwork for all the animals they obtained. I feel to help the over population of dogs in our community each resident should be given 2 vouchers to fix their animals and any additional should be given a discount to any extra animals they have after. I also feel that this issue needs to be brought up in city council meetings about killing animals because of people ignorance or lazyness is something these precious animals should not have to endure! I know I don't stand alone in this most of my fellow brothers and sisters do not have the means to take care of all the abandon animals therefore we work organizations like Godsdog and foster them till they are properly adopted.

221. Won't make much difference unless you stop all the backyard breeding.
222. Backyard breeding is unethical
223. No pet breeding
224. Pitbulls are commonly sold on Facebook/social media for up to \$5,000 in the San Antonio area. (No joke.)
225. After two packs of pups they should be required to make sure the dog does not have more.
226. Ban puppy mills! Rescue your next pet
227. While PetLand is a an issue so is backyard breeding and the selling of dogs put of car trunks in parking lots.
228. I don't think think "pet shops" are even necessary. If anyone wants to get a pet they should be referred to an shelter or rescue organization so they can adopt one.
229. Breeding, if allowed, should be strictly regulated and litters should be limited per animal.
230. If people repeat the offense they should be a automatic fee and follow up altering their pets.
231. That a home visit is required to make sure the pet is in a safe home
232. Pet shops that have a bad reputation, sell sick animals, and sell from puppy mills should not be allowed to run a business period.
233. Stop all advertising of pets for sale in the newspaper or on Craigslist.
234. unlicensed breeders selling online or without a store front should be fined. No animals should be sold by private sellers. Liscenced breeders should have to uphold all of the same minimum health guarantees as pet shops
235. City of SA should ban all pet shops. Pets should not be used for profit.

- 236.All proceeds that pet shops obtain from “selling” a dog/cat should go to a reputable animal rescue or the local animal control.
- 237.Implement policies regarding roadside or online sales of pets and realistic enforcement to stop these sales.
- 238.We need change in San Antonio. Our animals deserve our help.
- 239.We need as much proactive pet legislation as possible. Unless we address root causes, we will never have enough capacity to care for abandoned, lost or abused animals.
- 240.Stricter increased fines or punishment for people selling pets by the roadside or parking lots or vacant lots areas.
- 241.We understand you are under staffed, train and deputies neighborhoods
- 242.Please help stop the authorization of pet breeding
- 243.Require a breeding license without placing a minimum on the number of unaltered females.
- 244.I think backyard breeders should be fined a lot more than \$500!! Sometimes they are selling each dog for close to that! They should be fined per animal!!
- 245.Pet shops SHOULD NOT sell dogs or cats! People should seek dogs and cats from shelters and Rescues. Stop breeding!
- 246.Spay and neuter should be required before the pet is released to owner even if the owner has to pay something for that. Pet stores can find cheaper options and city can provide those for minimal cost. Will it deter pet shops from accepting pets? Probably. Many people need to take their pet somewhere and don't necessarily want a shelter. Pet stores should be able to accept but laws to make sure aggression etc is expressed to owner. Pet stores absolutely should not be allowed to get animals from pet stores from puppy

Mills....put them out of business! Such a horrible environment. Who will oversee these laws if put in place???huge concern! Also individual breeding should have much more restrictions to deter people from just loosely breeding over and over - like puppy Mills. However, again who oversees this? Now you need a task force in place. Lots of questions. Not a simple answer. However some laws in place starting where over breeding begins is the answer. Otherwise in the long run it won't work. An emergency call with an actual call center funded by who know who, would help people report this breeding issue and of course, number 1 staff the animal control effectively to deal with this. Eventually it would calm down when it is known these laws are enforced appropriately. Lots of where does the money come from questions. I bet you would find many many people to put up \$\$ to help enforce it like a request for help to a SA specific site securely to achieve. May even be able to get volunteers to help support it. Great PR. Use your heads. Lots of ways to initiate a movement!! This can't go on across the world and SA can make the big change every other place would adopt... You can get people to donate for everything else...why not this! Lots of animal lovers here. And everywhere else. Think outside the box.

247.Heavy penalties for backyard breeders . They all need to be shut down

248.Many of the puppies currently sold in pet stores or online originate from puppy mills, commercial dog-breeding facilities that focus on increasing profit with little regard for the health and welfare of the animals. Practices and conditions in most puppy mills are unethical and downright abhorrent in many cases. Dogs live in filthy conditions

without adequate food, water or veterinary care. And female dogs are bred at every opportunity with little to no recovery time between litters. Inbreeding is also a huge problem. Because of these conditions, puppy mills often produce animals with serious health problems down the road. And this translates to hefty vet bills for you. Many pet stores also don't socialize their animals, which can lead to potential behavioral problems that aren't ideal for a family pet. Adopting a pet, however, has a ton of advantages. The ASPCA reports that roughly 6.5 million companion animals enter shelters every year. Let's do our part and also be an example city that helps combat this practices. Thank you!

- 249. People who purchase a pet, the pet should have to be chipped with a purchase date. Then the new owners should be required to take to a vet within 72 hours for evaluation or they get fined. Including breeders and rescues
- 250. Be more aware of private citizens selling back yard bred pets and follow through in citations and calls. When someone is selling puppies out of the back of a truck at a gas station and a call is made to report it, being told that ACS will follow up in 3 to 5 days is rather discouraging.
- 251. Adopt don't shop
- 252. There should be rules regarding ferrets being utd on shots before being sold.
- 253. Enforce litter license laws. Stop back yard breeders.
- 254. I feel that a largely overlooked issue in San Antonio are backyard breeders, individuals who buy dogs and cats and breed them together to create offspring which they then list online or in newspapers to sell for profit. I often see posts by breeders on Facebook, nextdoor and Craigslist and it is so heartbreaking. In my nearby town of Converse, people

sell puppies on the side of the road. I wish a larger push could be made to stop the breeding of dogs and cats at least in city limits.

255.It absolutely should be illegal. The more we allow it, the more we are putting our city in a position to have breeders that do not care for the animals or the environment they are bred in.

256.Checking more of the Facebook online sales is important as well. Animals are dying everyday because people decide to breed more. It needs to end. It will also help with the budget on the city's end.

257.There needs to be more enforcement of laws prohibiting private sales, particularly the sale of sick or improperly cared for animals.

258.There need to be a special force of people monitoring social media and other platforms for dog breeders, dog flippers, and predators looking for bait dogs and or stud services. Also for people who clip dogs ears! This should be illegal and people should be charged with cruelty to animals for allowing it. There should be steeper punishments for repeat offenders. People selling animals they breed without proper licenses to breed or without proper vet care will inevitably cause more problems for the community not only in regards to outbreaks of preventable disease but also selling intact animals should be illegal unless they have special licenses to breed and are in code compliance. Stores like petland shouldn't exist. There needs to be cooperation with other small establishments out side of city limits to prevent these things as well. Flea markets and road side sales of animals should be illegal

259. There should be stronger consequences for people who illegally sell pets on the side of the road, in parking lots, on Facebook Marketplace, Offer Up, etc.
260. Pet stores shall be inspected and graded like restaurants for the animals, employees, and patrons safety and well being (temperature, bedding, unwanted rodents, cleanliness, parasites, open products, expiration dating, etc...)
261. They need to make sure the pets are well taken care of
262. I LOVE the idea of SA being a rescue-only city. I think this would really help draw attention to where illegal breeding is happening in the community, since it would be more noticeable.
263. The purchase of a rescue animal, purchased at the pet store should only adopt out dogs or cats that are fixed.
264. Pet sales should support rescued animals. we have over 2 million animals being euthanized every year in Texas. We need to stop breeders and puppy mills. We need for rescue dogs to be adopted. we all need to ban together to stop the neglect and abuse and over breeding of animals that are just dying.
265. The city should conduct regular unscheduled inspections of store selling pets.
266. No roadside selling. If caught dogs must be confiscated
267. Animal Mills advertising on any platform should be held to strict standards with random checks and impose fees. There are so many websites selling very expensive animals without any regulation.
268. Increase the penalty for dumping or releasing unwanted animals into the streets.

- 269.It should cost at least \$1000 to be able to breed a cat or dog in San Antonio. There should also be a fine for not spay or neuter acquired cat or dog.
- 270.Fines should be over 1000 if caught breeding animals inhumanely only for sales .
- 271.These laws will help to put puppy mills out of business.
- 272.It should also be against the law to sell dogs or cats from a car/truck in a parking lot
- 273.stop selling them off the streets and homes!! Huge problem regarding the safety of the animals
- 274.Ban breeding and pet stores only rescues
- 275.Scan and fine the people who are posting Litters of designer puppies on San Antonio Craig's List There are so many selling puppies for gain and even offering stud service. Put a stop to it. Breeding without a license.
- 276.Get 'er done, y'all.
- 277.I don't think pet shops should be selling animals at all.
- 278.A license to breed should be required, expensive, and hard to get. Anyone caught breeding without a valid license should be heavily fined or even given jail time.
- 279.Please stop the sale of animals from puppy mills and "backyard breeders"! Preservation breeders and shelters/rescues should be the sole options.
- 280.Sale of pets should no longer be allowed or fines should be higher than \$500. Also there should be more enforcement towards this.
- 281.The idea of "breeding", "selling" And "purchasing" animals for profit is unethical and unnecessary. Breeders and pet shops should not be allowed to breed and sell animals especially if there are animals on the street in need of homes. Incentives should be introduced to encourage pet stores and consumers to adopt animals from rescue

shelters. Breeding takes away the opportunity from the rescue animals to have a home. These animals must be protected from exploitation of those whom seek profit from their existence.

282. There are a lot of "home breeders" in and around San Antonio. Like the gentleman that sets up his truck just outside of SA, in Helotes, selling very sick and emaciated puppies. It needs to end. The population of abandoned dogs and cats in San Antonio is outrageous, this number only grows when people breed and sell dogs. These breeder dogs often have physical abnormalities specifically bred into they're breed to achieve flatter faces, shorter legs, longer bodies - etc. And then those that cannot afford to keep up with their medical needs abandon them, or kill them outright. The suffering needs to end.

283. I would be comfortable with a total ban on pet breeding and selling with Bexar county

284. Ban backyard breeders and impose higher penalties.

285. Stop any and all puppy mills here and elsewhere! Most puppies sold in pet stores come from horrible conditions at puppy mills

286. Have more regulations for people who breed their pets to make a quick buck

287. Have a way (hotline) for the public to report pet sales and people to investigate.

288. SA has a horrible problem with unwanted pets - the veterinarians also should step up provide affordable- spay and neuter.

289. Pet shops obtaining animals from breeders should be required to obtain animals from licensed breeders that are also considered reputable by the American Kennel Club. I understand the thinking behind only offering animals from

rescues and animal shelters, as this would reduce the number of unwanted animals, but this limits caring responsible pet owners who may want more of a choice.

290. Pet shops should require proof of microchip update with the new owner's contact information. Upon receipt, a deposit could be returned to the new owner. Or the pet shop could update the microchip information for the new owner free of charge. Accurate info and record keeping by the shelters or pet shops needs to improve. And if an animal is found to be registered to the pet shop, they should be required to accept the animal back into their "inventory" so that it can be spared from possible euthanasia after three days unadapted at the local kill-shelters we have in this area.
291. It should be illegal to "sell" dogs and cats, especially off the streets. These pet store are trying to "sell" the animals while there are still so many suffering in shelters. Unless you are a "business" or rescue it should be illegal to sell animals.
292. Fines for backyard pet breeding and sales should be much higher than \$500.00. \$5,000.00 would be better. Pet shops sales of cats & dogs from breeders should be outlawed. Fines for animal cruelty should be much higher. The city must hire enough people to answer all the calls for dogs left to rot in backyards.
293. Online sales of pets should be more controlled.
294. Penalties for unlicensed breeders selling pets should be increased
295. Sellers of pets should be required to have adopters sign a document stating the adopter understands the commitment to the pet, similarly to when a shelter or ACS interviews an adopter before they can take an animal home and the seller

should be required to take the animal back if the adopter cannot keep it.

296. Pets being sold should already be spayed/neutered unless there is a valid health reason backed by a veterinarian.

297. When the pet shop goes to the veterinarian it should be a veterinarian in that city. One that we all know.

298. Individuals (back yard breeders and irresponsible owners) should require a strict screening and permit process before being allowed to sell animals. The sale of animals should be illegal in general to curb pet overpopulation. There are not enough good homes to accommodate the pet population.

299. No sales on side of Rhodes or house.

300. An animal should have a bill of good health prior to going to a pet shop. The rescue organization should verify the health of any animal before sending it to a potential home.

301. Animals should be neutered and spayed before adoption. And the fee for adoption should be more than \$10 To prevent abuse.

302. A crack down on actual illegal pet sales, even if someone is reported for the crime it is not often enforced unless it's happening on the side of the road.

303. 501C Rescues shouldn't have to pay/charge taxes on adoptions. Pet shops most certainly should be required and should also require that the buyer provides verification of spay or neuter within 12 months of adoption or purchase.

304. I think that the problem is less the sales, but the number of dogs and cats that are not spayed or neutered and that so many people still don't microchip their pets.

305. I support banning pet sales from all retail stores, which are not humane organizations or shelters.

306. Back breeders should not be allowed period. There are many Facebook groups that also promote giving away or selling pets
307. Have strict laws regarding selling animals... must be neutered or spayed.
308. Put puppy mills out of business.
309. It should not be allowed at all unless from a registered rescue group. Adopters of animals should be required to register the chip as well as required sterilization.
310. Animals should be required to be spayed/neutered before being adopted
311. I believe pet sales, adoptions and rehoming fees on Craigslist and other social media should be illegal. I think anything animal related should go thru a monitor site.
312. I would love to see a plan to only allow pet stores to sell rescue animals.
313. In my neighborhood we have dog breeders and we can't seem to get ACS out to fine them/ticket them and stop the breeding. I know you are busy. We need more budget!!
314. We need mandatory spay/neuter laws for healthy pets.
315. CA has run into the problem of pet shops now selling animals from fraudulent "rescues". If SA pet shops sell pets from rescues, these rescues need to be vetted by ACS/Gov't and be a 501c3 entity.
316. This should not just cover pet shops. That is way too limited. ACS should be actively pursuing and regulating sales on garage sale sites and Craigslist, etc. A big problem indicates an adequate response, not just words."
317. Facebook sale pages should be taken down. There are so many San Antonio pet sale pages. The people who run the pages should be fined as well for illegal pet sales.

318. The worst violators regarding the sale of pets are not pet shops - it's the "home" breeders
319. With San Antonio killing hundreds of animals a month only rescued dogs should be sold in pet stores and they should be fully vetted. A reference check should be done also along with updates
320. Prosecute pets being sold on Craigslist or online.
321. A fine & jail time if not complying with the law.
322. Should include Backyard Breeders as well!!
323. I think a \$300 fine will definitely help but \$500 is a bit too much and SA isn't that wealthy. Perhaps add community service at ACS so they can see how these careless actions can affect the animals.
324. The shops should be required to provide a minimum of conditions for the dogs and cats (proper space, ventilation, not overcrowded, and walked outside regularly!). Also a minimum of square footage for each animal!
325. Go after street sellers more.
326. Crack down on roadside/craigslist sales of pets
327. Forbid pet sales on internet sites without a sales license
328. need more officers to crack down on backyard breeders. they advertise on craigslist and facebook and are easily found. they do not fear selling puppies. because there are no repercussions.
329. Enforcement of current pet sale laws would also be helpful. Ensuring cooperation and buy-in from county areas, as well as those areas within city limits.
330. Dogs should only be purchased as pets, not for breeding or unlawful purposes.
331. All pets should be spayed or neutered, some of the sales profits should go towards providing free clinics to get this done. There should Also be fines for people who refuse to

spay or neuter their pets - it's not just a matter of cost, it's also a health issue for those animals. Fixing them prevents a lot of unnecessary health problems.

332. Crack down on people selling pets alongside the road or in parking lots with up to \$1,000 fines to discourage this inhumane practice.

333. I think online selling of pets should be looked into more.

334. All adoptions from pet stores should require the pet be spayed or neutered before purchase.

335. All documentation received from pet shops concerning animals purchased **MUST BE EASILY VERIFIED!!!**

336. Pet shops should not be allowed to sell dogs from commercial mills. **IDGAF** if they're FDA approved!!!

337. Pet Shops should get their license pulled if they are caught selling animals from mills.

338. Stronger laws and enforcing on backyard breeders. There is many groups on Facebook that help support these people. Y'all need a section for acs that targets these groups and people. I'm sure a lot of people would volunteer for this so it wouldn't cost the city a lot. Myself included!

339. Need mutual agreements for neighboring towns and policies of how to capture when a pup is running back and forth across lines. Citizens should not have to call a zillion numbers to try to reach the right little town. Police officers should be pursuing sales more. If ACS would take in animals from outside city limits, it would help with loose animals. I live right out side D2 but in Co so when I see a stray, if not a collar on, I'm not stopping because I'll have to hold it over weeks before the Co comes (can't do as I foster babies from ACS who aren't fully vaccinated yet) so have to leave the pups wandering.

340. Stricter breeding laws.

341. I'd be interested in helping legally to instate these regulations. I think they're needed.
342. This should not just cover pet shops. That is way too limited. ACS should be actively pursuing and regulating sales on garage sale sites and craigslist, Nextdoor neighborhood site etc. A big problem indicates an adequate response, not just words. We have WAY too many animals in this city being euthanized DAILY!!!
343. This is so important for our city! We have so many amazing animals for adoption right here in SA. We don't need pet stores importing animals in and I support this great step forward. Thank you, SA ACS.
344. The city needs to crack down on backyard breeding for profit.
345. I believe the laws should not prohibit responsible dog/ cat breeders from breeding and selling dogs/cats. maintaining well bred animals is important for many reasons
346. Crack down on all the backyard sellers. Harsh fines and jail times.
347. Limit number of litters breeders can have, prohibit roadside sales
348. Please ban the sale of puppies in pet stores. Petland is awful.
349. San Antonio also needs to form a coalition with the surrounding counties as puppy pushers know they can sell right across the county line and they also set up their breeding facilities outside of town - yet, most of those dogs end up HERE and only add to the already out of control number of unwanted, stray, abandoned pets. I would also like to see an immediate BAN on all backyard breeding with stiff fines for that as well. I had painters at my house just yesterday and one of the young men told me he was going

to breed his red nose pit! I meet people like this all the time! They have no clue or just don't care as long as they make some money. Proper breeding should only be done by professionals who breed to the standard and watch for genetic and temperament issues. Backyard breeders also dump thousands of dogs into this city annually as well. We will never get this under control unless you enact strict laws prohibiting backyard breeders. Also, PLEASE spay or neuter dogs that are owner reclaimed at ACS BEFORE letting them go back to their owners. A simple exam by the vet would allow for any dogs not in good health to be granted a waiver - all others dogs should be ALTERED before release.

350.Don't ALLOW Illegal Backyard Breeders!!!!!! Mandatory SPAY & Neuter For ALL !!!!!!!!!!!

351.Please make Texas a no kill state

352.Crack down on Craigslist breeders. They are the reason for over population and animal neglect.

353.Have a task force, helping to track down, fine & close backyard breeders

354.Better enforcement for backyard breeders

355.I wish there was a way to control online purchases of animals. Will the harsher laws encourage people to purchase online instead? Is there a law in place that requires all animals to be registered with ACS? What type of enforcement will there be? We already know that enforcement of animal cruelty laws are almost non-existent. In order for any animal care to work, the city officials must be onboard as well. If they are apathetic then none of this will make a difference.

356.This should not just cover pet shops. That is way too limited. ACS should be actively pursuing and regulating

sales on garage sale sites and craigslist, etc. A big problem indicates an adequate response, not just words.

357. Pets should not be sold on the side of the road

358. If the city is serious about cracking down on strays and illegal breeding they need to have a true large department of animal care officers. We are a major city and our animal care officer department is inadequate. We need a sub department of officers that check up on the licenses of breeders and checks on the animals living conditions. Just requiring a license to breed is not enough. Having regulations or laws is pointless without a dedicated department to enforce and monitor those laws and regulations.

359. More education! Spread the word!

360. Stop allowing breeders to sell pets.

361. Only shelters should sell or rather adopt out pets, themselves or fosters.

362. Stronger punishment needs to be enacted for "road side" breeders

363. Pet shops should be required to have a \$500 cap on price of purchase for a pet.

364. Selling and breeding dogs should be illegal except for rescue/shelter animals.....too many animals dying for no good reason except people being irresponsible. Puppy mills are vile and why buy while good dogs die.

365. Pets sold in pet stores should be required to be spayed/neutered

366. Enforce the current laws better when it comes to people selling/breeding animals without a permit

367. Crack down on sales of pets on Facebook and other such social media sites.

368. Showing proof that the pet was microchip.

Against Proposed Changes

369. Pet shops should not have to obtain animals from shelters. If people wanted a shelter animal, they would go to a shelter.

370. Too much bureaucracy in the first portion. This will result in less adoptions and, like prohibition, it will make illegal activity lucrative concerning animals/pets.

371. I myself have an adopted dog from ACS, but I am absolutely against the law that would prohibit potential pet owners to buy purebred dogs from dog breeders.

372. I do not agree that all pet sells should be illegal. There are reputable breeders of animals that should be able to sell KC registered pets or show animals.

373. I think it wrong to force people to buy pets from shelters etc. It should be their choice if looking for a specific breed.. that said, I do think more education and "marketing" and purchase benefits should exist for dogs from shelters. Giving people incentives also promotes educational opportunities so the animals find good forever homes.

374. Why is this an issue worthy of any attention?

375. There is a certain level of infringement on rights here. A person should be able to purchase the kind of pet they want including breed. Not all shelters maybe able to provide that option. Perhaps requiring pet stores to first seek out pet shelter dogs but still have an alternative in the event the requested dog is not available in the shelter. The larger problem is irresponsible pet owners. A pet shelter alternative at a pet shop would better respect the right for a person to purchase the pet they want. Perhaps with an extra fee for non shelter derived pets. This fee can then go towards programs enforcing responsible pet ownership. I've returned at least 20 dogs or more in the last five years and they ALL had owners. Multiple returns were the same dog from the same owners. Majority of those owners didn't

think it was a big deal for their dogs to get out and were ungrateful of my efforts to return their dog. Several of the ones I returned were pitbulls. Approximately 20 was only a fraction of all the ones I've seen roaming loose that I didn't stop. I stopped walking in my neighborhood regularly after a loose rottweiler charged at me. Again it was hanging out loose in front of the owner's house with no owner insight. There should be harsher penalties when dangerous breeds roam loose because their owners are careless. My dog was original owned by a neighbor who neglected him and allowed him to roam loose for almost a year before I offered to keep him.

376.The city should enforce the chain laws before moving onto just dining people . Baby steps

377.Monopolies aren't a good solution.

378.Do not regulate commerce, but I support the safety and health of the animal being sold.

379.Insisting dogs and cats only come from rescue/shelter situations will feed into the "rescue industry." Time would be better spent enforcing our anti-cruelty laws already in place. Please don't punish reputable breeders who incur great cost in producing quality puppies by attempting to regulate the pet trade.

380.Enforcement is seriously lacking! Stop the backyard breeding so the killing stops. Mandatory spay and neuter is needed to stop the cycle of unwanted pets. Do something!!!

381.There was no discussion on this survey of reputable breeders. They are completely different than pet shops or people selling litters on the corner. Those breeders should be free to breed responsibly and sell to good homes

382.Pets should be allowed to be sold at pet stores, as long as pets in the store are being properly cared for, and from responsible breeders

383.Free enterprise should prevail

384.Individuals should be able to get a low cost permit, like a

garage sale permit, once a year so they can sell their pet's litters.

385. Individual pet sales should not be penalized, but pet shops that are selling animals from puppy Mills definitely should.

386. The city of San Antonio should not punish law abiding responsible breeders.

387. What about breeders who work close with organizations? I breed pure bred akc poodles for service dogs. 1 litter a year, but not all the puppies are service dog material so the ones who don't get washed as pets. That money I use to help with training and pay back for medical uses. This rule of everyone get fined for breeding is wrong and supports only mass breeding of puppy mill or shit quality dogs and will greatly hurt the quality of dogs from the few GOOD breeders. I looked into your regulated breeding and because I am on such a low scale level I can't even register as a breeder. All my dogs are health tested, akc lineage papered and created for veterans or other disabled. If breeders were the problems shelters would be full of pure bred dogs and not mutts or mixes.

388. Unethical breeding practices (puppy mills/backyard breeders) need to be stopped, I am strongly in favor of policies that support that. I am also in favor of supporting ethical breeders that strive to better their breed and treat their animals well.

389. I believe the shelters should support responsibly breeders that health test tests and responsible breed rescues

390. Responsible breeding is important to the preservation of healthy dogs as a species. Dogs that are bred responsibly are clear of congenital health issues, ensuring that their offspring are as well and seeing to the preservation of healthy breeding lines and overall health improvement of the species. Backyard breeders who breed solely for profit without caring about the health of the animals, or puppy mills who mass breed regardless of the health implications

are the ones who need to be stopped. Responsible breeders who care about the health and safety of their animals should not take the fall for backyard breeders or puppy mills.

391. In theory this seems good but in practice will lead to many people just "giving away" dogs for free when they find abandoned animals or can no longer keep. Pet shelter are over crowded and often times do not have the room to take in more animals when people try. Being able to charge or sell with a rehoming fee helps to protect the animals and reduce the risk of being sold to someone who will use the pet as bait.

392. I had to strongly disagree because of wording. Some pet stores have rescued animals from places other than animals shelters. These should not be excluded. It's puppy mills that are an issue. Also, Quality breeders are not an issue although most quality breeders don't go through pet stores. When someone buys a pure bred animal (AKC), these animals rarely end up in shelters. I have owned rescues and pure bred. An owner has to do their research.

393. Law enforcement should do a better job enforcing the existing laws regarding pet sales on the side of the road and on Craigslist and other sale sites.

394. For the love of God please start enforcing the laws we have you can put as many laws on the books you want to but when we call 311 to get response to somebody selling animals on the side of the road and are told everybody's too busy to do anything about it how does that help anything?

395. Enforce this laws..ACS management SUCKS!

396. Pets should be able to be purchased and sold but people should know where and in what conditions it was bred

397. What constitutes a pet shop? There are very good breeders that sell directly from their home. Does this proposed law apply to them? I believe it should not. I also believe that AKC registration should be considered if

drafting ordinances. An AKC register breeder or AKC registered litter provides a level of trust and confidence that the dogs are healthy and taken care of.

Neutral or Other Feedback

398. Routinely search places like Facebook and craigslist for unauthorized selling of animals in the area

399. I would like to know how people are being held accountable. Almost every time we go down Palo Alto Rd. I see people selling pitbulls out of the back of their truck. When I call to report, they take the report, but officers usually don't get there right away, or sometimes not at all.

400. Pet shops are not the problem. The city should crack down on street vendor sales in parking lots.

401. the pet shop should inspect the places where the pets are obtained from. if the pet is bought. then later found out to have health problems. that supplier. should not be able to sell pets any more.

402. Good enforcement of laws is also vital. Thus training for SAPD will/is important

403. Make sure they are going to a good home.

404. There should be a limit on adoption fee to make sure pets can be adopted

405. I believe individual citizens should not be allowed to sell any kind of pet. I also believe that individual citizen should not be allowed to breed any kind of pet in their home, apartment, property, etc.

406. No sales they are too many puppy mills

407. Pet shops selling pure breeds will get them from breeders not shelters.. Breeders should be required to have a health certification for the pet store.

408. I think if the pet shop is allowed to sell dogs or other animals that those animals must come from licensed breeders and sellers and these breeders must be required

to get all check ups that the breed they are selling must need. Example being a German shepherd, they should have hips and elbows checked for parents and certified and this should be available in the paperwork given to the new owners of the animal. Bulldogs should have eye checkups etc for other breeds.

409.The city needs to enforce spay/neutering policies and animals free roaming by hiring more law enforcement specifically for the purposes of enforcement of animal laws and welfare. Penalties for neglect, abuse, and not complying with animal laws needs to be harsher!

410.Mas oficiales

411.I'd be interested to get information on how many pet shops we have, how many issues arise from them, etc. Is there anyway for them to partner with shelters and ban any other sales?

412.Clarifying the differences in 2-4 would have been helpful. I'm unclear as to why they needed to be separate questions.

413.The fine should be MUCH HIGHER, seems to be a slap on the wrist.

414.Guidelines for when sellers simply change the wording for sales to "re- Homing fees"

415.Would this impact people asking for rehoming fees on animals they have rescued or can no longer care for?

416.I would like to see the plan for enforcing the regulations

417.Pets should not be sold on the side of Hwy 16.

418.Is there a law on requested pricing:? If not there should be

419.Regulations should apply to ALL pets sold to include reptiles/snakes/hamsters/etc

420.people should really look into the mistreatment of animals in puppy mills

421.I think that although adopting is great, breeders/ pet shops are good for people with specific allergies, preferences and breeds they cannot find from a shelter. I don't think

breeders are good or bad.

422. Do not pass the law if it can't be enforced

423. Many people use "rehoming fee" for breeding sales online but it's just different wording this should be looked into as well

424. They should have a permit to sell animals from the animal agency, shelter and organization.

425. I wasn't aware that pet shops acquired/sold dogs or cats outside of animal shelters or animal rescue organizations. Everytime that I have been to Petco or PetSmart, the dogs and cats that are there are being displayed/ sold by animal rescue organizations.

426. The city should increase owner responsibility of pets by fining them for abandoning their pets

427. Would it be possible to start asking for permits to people who are selling pets on Craigslist or side of the street- really anywhere.. they too need to have a permit. I didn't see the survey touch on this at all. Can you be sure to start a new marketing campaign for more spaying/neutering - maybe even mention why you have to pay in order to sell pets more often. Also please talk to people that have a Facebook page for the city of San Antonio asking for help for these poor animals. We need to all work together - something needs to change

428. Please hire more animal officers. San Antonio desperately needs them to save dogs from being tied up to a tree.

429. How does this affect breeders who live just outside the city limits?

430. Please enforce responsible pet ownership including pets that primarily dwell outdoors during sweltering summers and blistering cold winters. Enforce current breeding laws. Including those requiring permit.

431. Stricter policies on standards of living for dogs such as no wire mesh cage bottoms in pet stores

432. Fine people for not having pets microchipped Mandatory

spay/neuter

433.Enforce existing laws more heavily and take reports more seriously/take action on them.

434.I put neither agree or disagree on the questions asking about where dogs and cats come from. Of course I would love for pet shops to get their animals from shelters or rescues but I would also be ok if they got their animals from ETHICAL breeders and not places like puppy mills

435.Make micro chips mandatory

436.San Antonio needs far stricter laws than now exist to protect pets and these laws need to be strictly enforced. I live in Columbia, SC and have adopted 4 dogs who were about to be killed in San Antonio. I network and crosspost dogs from there virtually every day. I have seen only 1 stray dog in my entire life in Columbia, and that was when I was a child. Every dog here must be licensed every year and dogs not spayed or neutered are much more expensive to license than those who are. Animal Control checks houses to make sure all dogs are licensed. (They do this instead of picking up stray dogs because there are so few!) All licensing fees and fines are given to the Humane Society here, which is in the same building as the pound. Yes, dogs are killed here, but most of them are brought from other areas. Breeders are not allowed, period. Yes, San Antonio needs more fosters, Rescues, and adopters, but ultimately these are no more than Band-Aids for a festering wound. Pets that don't exist cannot be killed!

437.Should not be allowed to sell pure breeds if not part of a kennel club. If pure bred, each litter needs to be tracked and recorded

438.Spay and release

439.I think you need to create a fine for people dropping off strays. We need a law that will be easy to prosecute these xrappy people. A lot of dogs get dropped off at Southside Lions!!! Sad for the animals!!! Cruel people!!!

440. Respond faster and follow through with fines when responding to calls reporting roadside sales
441. Hire more animal care officers
442. ACS, Petco "adoptions", etc. should not charge people who want to adopt an animal so much money. By allowing these people to adopt at little or no cost, the city and other shelters will be saving money in the long run because they will no longer have to feed and shelter these animals. Allowing others to adopt without charging them is so much better than "putting down" animals because there are too many to house at ACS.
443. We need better enforcement of laws
444. The ordinances already in place SHOULD BE ENFORCED!!!!!!!
445. Many pet owners move and leave their pet behind. They should be fined for this. Postal investigators can work with investigators to locate suspects
446. Although we do have a terrible stray problem in San Antonio/ South Texas that desperately needs to be reduced, purebred dogs and cats should still be permitted to be sold. Illegal backyard breeders should be punished. Not law abiding registered breeders.
447. Better enforcement of fines and follow ups when reports of violations happen would be greatly appreciated
448. Pet Owners need to be fined if they allow their dogs to roam free and don't get them fixed.
449. Set a maximum fee maybe, so overpricing can be ruled out?
450. Money from fines should go back DIRECTLY to the city control pet facility budget and NOT the general fund which SO MANY fines/fees tend to go back to to pad the general fund for other projects UNRELATED to pet/animal care and or control.
451. Low cost/free mobile spay/neuter vans in areas most known for breeding/selling and dumping pets.

452. Pet shops should have permit and be inspected
453. San Antonio should increase its budget to manage strays and lost pets better.
454. Start enforcing it. I personally have called to report and the call was transferred to ACS. Another City regulation with ZERO teeth. And it is usually the same people doing this over and over.
455. No one cares about or takes the current laws seriously. Only heavy fines or worse will make people listen.
456. Actually enforce the laws and hold violators accountable.
457. Follow Through. Laws mean nothing without enforcement. I.e. "Fireworks are illegal within city limits"
458. The only people selling pure bred animals should be breeders.
459. There needs to be more patrolling of the westside and Southside of San Antonio where people who refuse to spay their pets and then dump them is rampant. There also needs to be more free spay and neuter clinics in these areas of town and add other areas what have a slightly higher income level like 78245, which has both well off and very poor residents. Also, pet stores should be band from selling intact cats and dogs. If they violate the policy the should be fined \$1000 pre violation.
460. Work with nearby towns and counties to make these laws ubiquitous. People just go outside of town limits to buy animals.
461. Actually enforce the laws that are set in place
462. Tighten animal cruelty laws
463. That last question about telling a purchaser to take their pet to a veterinarian promptly should not be mandatory to the purchaser unless the purchaser has notice symptoms immediately after leaving the location or 24 hour after purchase. Then that purchaser should take it to the vet but pet shops should have a 24 hour return policy. And if the purchaser changes their mind and the place is closed, they

must email or message the pet shop as proof that the pet will be return the following morning but under the 24 hour change of mind policy .

464.Sellers should have to go through proper channels to sell pets. It's great to want the stores to sell only rescue pets, but as a vet field professional, I see way more problems from Craigslist breeders than places like PetLand. These breeders sell underage and/or sick pets. But the price is cheap so people are more likely to buy from them than \$2000 from petland.

465.Please enforce the laws that are already in existence.

466.The city needs to offer pet purchasers additional education on caring for their pet and pet ownership responsibilities. Also, potential purchasers should be screened to ensure they are responsible enough to be a pet owner

467.It's so rampant,but these laws we do have mean nothing if they are not enforced and we all know they are not enforced.

468.More enforcement is critical.

469.The city should be prepared to enforce the law. The law will not be any good unless it's enforced.

470.We need better enforcement of the law in regard to online and social media sale of pets.

471.Enforce the law if you plan on making it the law

472.If hear laws go into affect we really need to do a better job of holding people to them.

473.The city needs to actually enforce the breeding permit laws and require spay/neutering of all animals in the city. The city needs to stop private breeders in the city all together or require that all private breeders follow the same rules as rescues and pet shops, including that all animals sold must be spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and dewormed.

474.We shouldn't just encourage puppy adoptions we should also promote adopting adult because people adopt puppies

and don't understand the work that takes and so that's how does end up back in the shelter. Also we should encourage spaying!

475. Investigate these non profits

476. If not already required, Registered breeders should be required to donate to SNIPSA or other low cost spay/neuter program with every sale of dog or cat that has not already been fixed at time of purchase.

477. I'm not sure it's possible, but it would be good if there was some way to register people who have either abused or abandoned pets in the past so they can no longer adopt.

478. Stop killing healthy/ treatable dogs because people have not adopted them. There have to be other solutions other than killing healthy animals- just show poor making decision skills from ACS .ACS needs to change their way of doing things.

479. Private breeders are different from puppy mills/pet shops.

480. These are all great if and only if the laws are going to be enforced! Meaningless if not enforced along with all the other laws on the books that are not enforced

481. Its important to not only implement laws, but ENFORCE them

482. There should be a discussion with newspapers and digital to not accept ads from people selling dogs and cats from outside the City unless those people are registered in order to cut back on puppy mills. There should be additional Officer positions funded to patrol street side and flea market sales. Flea markets should not be allowed to have people selling animals.

483. I would like to see more resources made available so ACS can have an adequate number of officers to actually enforce the regulations, otherwise they are worthless

484. Should be a database of people who adopt then return. They should not be allowed to adopt again for a period of time. Pet ownership is not temporary. Should require some

education about proper pet ownership include vet care, nutrition, exercise and shelter.

485. Stricter laws are great, but only if you plan on enforcing them

486. Although pet shops selling puppies/kittens is an issue, the focus needs to be on private sellers, policing facebook, craigslist, etc. ALL canines & felines need to be spayed or neutered prior to sale, whether a private sale or pet shop/agency.

487. Posting a clearer explanation of what age puppies and kittens can go to new homes would help a lot.. People look at the laws/ordinances and think that the 8 week rule only applies to actual breeders. I see people giving away 3-6 week old puppies all the time because they were an accidental litter, and they don't think the 8 week rule applies to them. Requiring all pets sold or given away to be spayed/neutered before leaving, unless they have breeding rights and are registered. Cracking down on online sales would help a lot.

488. I feel like the police should be more involved if they see something like this happening. Animal cruelty should not be the sole responsibility of ACS

489. Breeding is not ALL the problem. Good Pet ownership should be a LARGER focus by the city!!