# TACA Newsletter

## **TACA AWARD WINNERS November**

## Warren J. Kilpatrick Award

Fred H. Sanderson Irving Animal Services Manager

## Coy D. Willis Award

Ethel Strother, Farmers Branch Animal Services

#### **Media Award**

Rick Tomlin and Callie Harris Media Relations City of Abilene

#### **Humane Educator**

Submitted By Awards Chairman, Fred Sanderson

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#### **Media Award**

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## **Humane Educator Award**

Chrishandra Huff **Arlington Community Services Educator** 

## James Vyers Field Officer Award

Samantha Freeman Abilene Animal Services Officer

#### Volunteer of the Year Award

Russell Posch Irving Animal Care Campus

#### **Virginia Eureste Training Grant Program**

Miguel Guana, Farmers Branch Animal Control Officer

#### W. R. Bilderback, D.V.M. Award

Wendy Blount, DVM, Nacogdoches

#### **Hank Brock Equipment Grant**

Ruben Purcell City of Winnsboro Animal Shelter

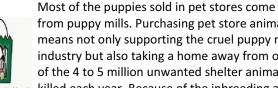
## Texas Animal Control & Welfare Agencies award:

100, 000 plus population- City of Plano Animal Services

**50,000-100,000 population**-City of Mansfield Animal Care and Control

25,000 or less population- City of Robstown Animal Control

## Adopt, Don't Shop - The Problem with Pet **Stores**



from puppy mills. Purchasing pet store animals means not only supporting the cruel puppy mill industry but also taking a home away from one of the 4 to 5 million unwanted shelter animals killed each year. Because of the inbreeding and

ons common to puppy mills, they often produce animals with serious health problems which typically result in hefty vet fees. On top of this, pet stores generally do not socialize their animals. The puppies may consequently develop behavioral problems which do not make them ideal as pets. Pet shops dispose of unsold animals in, at times, unscrupulous ways.

What can be done to prevent this:

- Stop pet stores from selling puppies supplied by puppy mills.
- Educating the public to "ADOPT, DON'T SHOP!" when choosing a companion animal
- Work with local pet store owners by educating them about the horrific conditions and inherent cruelty of puppy mills
- Support local pet stores that agree to stop selling puppies from puppy mills and to deal only in rescue and shelter dogs.