DON'T DUMP YOUR DOG. IT'S ILLEGAL AND IT'S WRONG.

In Texas, ANIMAL ABANDONMENT IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY UP TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON AND A FINE OF UP TO $4,000 (Texas Penal Code, Section 42.09, Animal Cruelty). If you see someone dumping an animal, take down the vehicle license plate number and report it the police (non-emergency number), who can use even a partial number to track down a dog dumper.

DUMPED DOGS MAY WAIT FOR DAYS FOR THEIR OWNERS TO RETURN AND GET THEM. It's heartbreaking to see a dumped dog waiting for an owner who will never return.

A NICE PERSON ISN'T GOING TO FIND YOUR DOG AND GIVE IT A GOOD HOME. More likely, it will suffer from hunger, thirst and fleas. It may get hit by a car. Street dogs may attack it. A bad person may take your dog and abuse it or use it for dog fighting. If you ever cared about your dog, don't make it suffer by dumping it.

THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS...

- If you can't keep your dog because of behavior problems and it isn't spayed or neutered, don't dump it; get it fixed! Dogs that aren't fixed may have behavior problems that can be resolved or greatly reduced by spaying or neutering.
- Instead of leaving your dog on the street, try to find it a new home. Ask your friends, family and coworkers if they can help network.
- As a last resort, take your dog to the city shelter. Although it may be euthanized, that is better than living on the streets.

REMEMBER: A cute little puppy will grow into a big adult dog before you know it. If you can't take care of an adult dog, don't get a puppy.

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