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I'm a Central PA Kennel operator housing around 40 dogs and I have major concerns with the proposed PA Kennel regulations for Commercial Kennels. I.D.# 2-170-#2785

I'm also a dairy Farmer, my dogs started as a hobby but to please the state I had to invest more money to be in compliance so I put in a few more dogs to make it profitable. In 2007 I invested over 10,000<sup>00</sup> to pour new concrete, install skylighting, install a total washdown system with new cages. Just like everyone told me to do. now it won't work anymore with new regulations. I sent in my waiver but can't get any response on its approval.

Now the state inspectors are inspecting with the new guidelines and I'm in trouble. People tell me to tear things up & start over again.

Milk prices are next to rock bottom and I still haven't paid off my loan from 2007. I do not have money to start over again. The state sent me a waiver application with a 3 yrs. extension if I'm approved but I don't know if I'll pass approval - What shall I tell my inspectors when they come?

Today 8 retired breeders are scheduled to die because my enclosures are now too small. The state recommends us to rehome our dogs through Humane Societys. My dogs are used to - being under our personal care 24-7. We have no employees, having the Federal Governments own vet ecnarian -

check up on them at least once a year monitoring  
air flow lighting health + well being etc. etc.

having state inspectors min. of 2 ~~or~~ times a year.  
having shade in the summer, having tunnel ventilation in  
the winter. I don't like the thought of my  
dogs getting adopted out to individuals to try  
on teaching them tricks + housetrain them.

How shall I answer my small children's questions  
when they see the dead dogs? (Sherry + Charlotte  
don't have enough room anymore so Charlotte must die  
so sherry can have more "room")

but all this time they are best friends + sherry  
will get lonesome without Charlotte they ask.

The only honest answer is the truth: the state  
requires this, so we must comply. - (Heartbreaking)

We are raising a new future America in our  
children. What hope have we for honest upright  
leaders if we display such senseless corruption as  
this to them at such young tender ages. Please  
lets stand together for an honest God fearing  
country, united we stand - divided we fall.

Our God will not be mocked, what we  
sow is what we will reap.

Very concerned,

- Marcus and Esther Lantz

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