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Mr. Robert E. Nyce, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Floor
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

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Dear Mr. Nyce,

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We are writing you in regards to the final form rules and regulations for Act 27 of 1997, The Dog Purchaser Protection Act, known as "The Puppy Lemon Law".

We are very pleased with these rules and regulations that your office and the Attorney General's office have revised according to the comments that were made. We wish to thank Mr. John Jewett of I.R.R.C. and Mr. Gerald Pappett, First Deputy Attorney General for their efforts in drafting these important rules and regulations.

Since the passage of the law in August of 1997, the primary complaint from buyers of puppies from kennels and pet shops has been that they were not notified of the existence of this law. Therefore, they did not even know that they had any rights when their puppy became ill or died. That is why these rules and regulations requiring the posting of the consumer's rights are so important and need to be enacted as soon as possible.

The Attorney General's office had previously drafted excellent forms that were to be used by kennels and pet shops in order comply with provisions in the law. These included a form to be used by a veterinarian in examining a puppy prior to sale, a seller's guarantee of good health form and a form for a veterinarian if the puppy became ill or died. We ask that they be included in the final rules and regulations in order to have uniformity in the state.

It is our hope that once these rules and regulations become final, that the Attorney General's office will obtain a complete list of all state licensed kennels and pet shops and will mail this information to them. Then they can no longer use the excuse that they were not aware of their obligations to consumers.

Thank you again for your attention to this issue of concern to every person who purchases a puppy in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,


Dotsie Keith, Legislative Chairman

CC: Mr. Gerald Pappett, First Deputy Attorney General
Senator Stewart Greenleaf, Ch. Senate Judiciary Committee
Representative Thomas Gannon, Ch. House Judiciary Committee