

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

January 6, 2000

Honorable D. Michael Fisher  
Attorney General  
Office of Attorney General  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

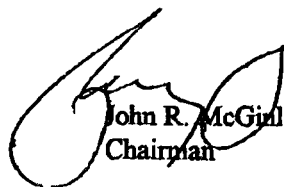
Re: IRRC Regulation #59-6 (#1993)  
Office of Attorney General  
Dog Purchaser Protection

Dear Attorney General Fisher:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its January 6, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

  
John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman

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Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held January 6, 2000

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Office of Attorney General  
Dog Purchaser Protection

Regulation No. 59-6

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

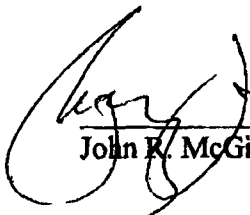
On October 7, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Office of Attorney General (OAG). This rulemaking adds Chapter 309 to 37 Pa. Code. The authority for this regulation is Section 9.3(g)(1) of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (73 P.S. § 201-9.3(g)(1)) added by Act 27 of 1997. The proposed regulation was published in the October 24, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on December 7, 1999.

This regulation implements a key provision in Act 27 that directs the OAG to "promulgate regulations specifying the contents" of a posted notice. The notice must be posted in pet shops and kennels where dogs are sold to the public. The notice informs dog purchasers of their rights under Act 27. These rights include access to a dog's health record. If a dog becomes ill or dies within ten days after purchase, or it dies from or has a congenital or hereditary defect within 30 days after purchase, the buyer may request a refund or replacement. A veterinarian's certification is required.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Regulation No. 59-6 from the Office of Attorney General, as submitted to the Commission on December 7, 1999, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

  
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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman

