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Mary Bender, Director  
Bureau of Dog Law Protection  
Department of Agriculture  
2301 N. Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender:

Please find attached letter that my constituent, Sue Mincemoyer-Gray, asked me to forward to you.

I have taken the liberty of also forwarding a copy to Secretary of Agriculture, Dennis Wolff and Representative Art Hershey, Republican Chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Thank you in advance for your attention to her concerns and I am sure she is anxiously awaiting a response from you.

Sincerely,

  
RUSSELL H. FAIRCHILD  
Representative, 85<sup>th</sup> District

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Attachment

cc: Secretary Wolff  
Representative Hershey  
Sue Mincemoyer-Gray

2/8/07

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Sue Mancinoy-Gray, Winfield, PA. I have been a member of the Akita Club of America since 1985. I am involved in showing at AKC confirmation and obedience shows. I also assist with akita rescue.

I am writing to comment on the proposed revisions to the PA dog law regulations of Dec. 16, 2006. I do not agree with many of these changes because they do not take into consideration the impracticality of enforcement, let alone the costs which will not improve these dogs' life in kennels.

I do agree that inhumane and sub-standard kennel conditions should not be tolerated. The problem with the proposal is that many small breeders and rescuers were not even asked for their assistance in developing these proposed changes.

Some breeders maintain their dogs in their own residences, which are far superior to any regulations the state could come up with, but they would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial standards.

Some of the proposals are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and breeding practices.

We need well thought-out regulations with all parties considered. Both the enforcers and breeders plus those who house temporarily.

Please withdraw this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sue Mancinoy-Gray  
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