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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I have reviewed your proposed amendments to the Dog Laws and wish to make some comments. The Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, my friend Nina Schaefer President, have, I believe, made comments to you. It is unfortunate they are not represented on your Board. May I commend you in your attempt to see that dogs, and all animals receive humane treatment. These proposed new regulations should apply to ALL dogs and eliminate the disastrous and inhumane "puppy mills" that have been so disastrous in our State.

Your regulations must apply to all who handle animals whether they are kennels, pet shops, buildings for temporary housing of animals or whatever. The specifications for the kennels, crates and spaces for animals must be safe, clean and sanitary. Exercise areas must likewise be safe and clean for all, big or little, animals to exercise together on grass or impervious surfaces. The limit of 26 dogs annually for "hobby breeders" is proper but should the limit be exceeded, all housing kennels, pet shops or breeding kennels should be governed by the same specifications. The daily record keeping required is too stringent and should be modified.

I applaud your efforts to provide a uniform and enforceable series of rules and regulations. Eliminate the puppy mills, provide a good set of regulations wherever dogs are raised or held and preserve the hobby breeders way of life should be the objectives of your new department. I wish you well

Sincerely

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