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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attention: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I have owned, trained and exhibited five Yorkshire Terriers since 1984. The dogs that have lived with me have all been purebred AKC registered dogs that were born and raised in the homes of breeders in New York, Pennsylvania, Florida and Virginia. None of my dogs were whelped or weaned in a building separate from the home of the breeder.

Please reconsider passage of amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations released on December 16, 2006. Inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated. However, I believe that if the current laws were enforced Pennsylvania would no longer be referred to as the puppy-mill capital of the East. If there are still problems after the current laws are enforced, perhaps particular pieces of the current law should be reviewed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Pat Fallon