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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Thursday, January

Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
 2301 North Cameron Street
 Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

In my own words, I applaud the new law changes in Pa, and feel they have a long way to go. I am a consumer of a Amish Puppymill purchase last February. I no longer have my boxer (my son bought). It is so easy to go on the internet and be fooled by the adorable puppies for sale. Greenfield Puppies,(Dean Hoffstetter) who still operates and recieves commission for advertising these puppies should be "out of business" as far as I am conderned. They guarenteed the puppy and assured my son that it was healthy. Four months after purchase it became severly sick with demodectic mange. We called the breeder and was told that we could return the puppy for full reimbursement, which we did not want to do. The "breeder" admitted that the grandmother had mange and that the mother was no longer with them.

The puppy had no social life and neither did we. Instead of postive assertive behavioral training, we used our finances for the mange and helped this poor puppy recuperate. It was never the same, for either of us. We no longer have our dog, who was purchased from unlicensed Jonas & Henry Lapp, 370 Barnsley Rd. Oxford, Pa 19363. With the help of Libby Williams, (head of NJCAPSA) I have learned so much, and she is a saint in my eyes. My son was lucky enough to contact her and she tried to help us to get our money back for our sick dog. She listened to our story and Titan is in a section of New Jersey Against Pet Shop Abuse, "PA Puppymills". We did not know about "Puppy Lemon Laws" in Pa, or in any other state. Most puppy buyers have no clue about what they are entitled to as consumers. In the future I plan to purchase or adopt a dog. I will be sure to do a lot of research, and not make the same mistake. Thank you so much Govenor Edward G.Rendell for appointing a new advisory board. Please bring justice to these poor animals and the consumers who also suffer.

Sincerely,

Dolores Stolfi
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As a dog lover and an animal advocate, I applaud the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis.

The new regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, are practical, enforceable, and will greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs living in the commercial breeding kennels. Moreover, those breeders opposing the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. Clearly, these are the breeders who should be out of the business should they choose not to support or comply with the new regulations; the issue is the health of the dogs - not the money in the breeder's -

or dog registry's - pocket.

It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental balance.

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the new regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered our state to such a degree that we're known as the 'Puppy Mill Capital' of the east.

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