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Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
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Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

The breeder of my sheltie has brought to my attention the newly proposed dog law. As a person I care very deeply about my shelties. I would like to express my concerns about these proposed changes.

I purchased my sheltie from a reputable breeder, not from a pet shop because I wanted to know that my sheltie would have a good temperament and be healthy. Shelties have a reputation as being shy and noise sensitive. I wanted to know that my sheltie had been exposed to different situations and was prepared to live the life as a good pet. My breeder raises her dogs in the house and works hard to provide the puppies with attention that builds confidence. I know this because my sheltie was content from the day I picked him up at the San Francisco airport and brought him home.

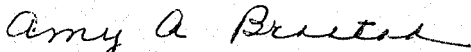
Upon reading your proposed changes I am primarily concerned about the "Kennels-Primary Enclosures" portion of this proposal. It is my understanding that in these proposed changes, if a cumulative total of 26 dogs are housed at "the Establishment" during a calendar year, then licensed breeders will have to build housing quarters to meet the specifications outlined in these proposed changes.

I credit my sheltie's good temperament to the love and attention my breeder gave her puppies. Most importantly to me, this included constant exposure to everyday life noises, sight and sounds.

My sheltie was socialized with other dogs and is comfortable in my neighborhood setting and also at obedience and agility classes where he sees other dogs of various breeds.

While I applaud the efforts to improve the living conditions for those poor dogs who live in puppy mills, I feel it would be a greater service to those dogs to not allow "for profit" breeding to occur in the first place.

Sincerely,



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