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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Ms. Bender

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the dog law regulations. I, myself, am indirectly involved. I handcraft leads, collars and accessories for the dog fanciers of Pennsylvania and others. I have worked with rescue groups, fostering and helping to place less fortunate dogs. Now my niche is volunteering with Animal Assisted Therapy. This entails finding and training exceptional dogs that can pass the temperament tests so that we can visit at hospitals and nursing homes.

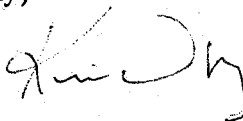
I fear that the proposed amendments would put undue strain on the dedicated breeders who carefully breed for health and temperament, and the rescue groups that work so hard rehabilitate the ones that were cast off after being bought on impulse from a pet shop.

The "temporary housing" portion would make it so many of these caring people to have to become licensed. They would not ever be able to comply with the regulations. The dogs that are bred or fostered are born into or brought into their homes. They are socialized and taught manners. This cannot be accomplished in a kennel situation. Dogs need to be socialized to all sorts of situations and other dogs, dogs of all sizes and shapes.

It appears to me that the laws that are on the books can and do work if they are enforced properly. The bureau has even conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced. If that is the case then the specific problem spots should be addresses, not these wide sweeping changes.

Please, I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,



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