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Dear Ms. Bender:

We adopted a dog from Pendragwn Chow Chow Rescue in Lancaster last year. It is run out of a home, and the caretaker cares for all the rescued dogs as if they were her own children with much more care than local kennels.

We are writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. While inhumane and substandard kennel conditions must not be tolerated, we do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. We leave our dog with Pendragwn Chow Chow Rescue when we go on family vacations, as they are the most comforting place for her. We would be hard-pressed to find an equal alternative, and hope that a place like this that has rescued so many dogs, is not forced to close its doors due to the proposed regulations.

We urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Jay Supnik *Vicki Supnik*
Howard and Vicki Supnik

cc: Sen. Gibson E. Armstrong: fax - 717-299-7798

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