

January 19, 2007

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron St
Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Charles Thompson Jr. and I live in Penn Township in the Manheim Centreal School District in Lancaster County. My wife and I moved to 285 Silverwood Drive in 2000 and would occassionally hear a few barking dogs on the neighboring Amos Stoltzfus farm, when he had 50 to 100 dogs in an uninsulated barn. Each year when the Stoltzfus children came to our home to sell sweet corn, we would ask how many dogs they have, since the barking was more and more evident. The number went from 50 to 100 to now around a 1,000. The dogs have been moved to an insulated barn, which has helped decrease the noise level considerably. His 2 sons that live on neighboring farms are also in the "kennel" business. At a Penn township zoning hearing meeting one of them said, "DOG'S ARE JUST LIKE PIG'S AND CHICKEN'S", I wonder how many pig's and chicken's live in there homes?, or how many chicken's and pig's are used as seeing eye companions, or give so much companionship to children and adult's?

I think the real problem is that raising dogs has become a cash crop. Mr Stoltzfus has made the statement that he makes \$10,000 cash each month.

I would like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing new and amended kennel regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels.

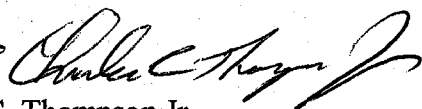
I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

I feel that by limiting the number of dogs in the Kennel's would make conditions much better. K-5's have no limit!

The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast."

Once again, I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,



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