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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 husband and I have been married for close to 39 years and we have always had 'used' dogs. People laugh because we've never had a puppy, but always a throwaway. We've saved six dogs all breeds and sizes. Each one was like a member of the family and their stories would break your heart!

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 would ask that you add permanent tethering cannot be used as the primary closure. I would never tether my dog outside. It is cruel and unusual punishment!

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

Veterinarian practice, animal behaviorists and other animal care givers have substantiated the type and level of care these animals require for a healthy life. I feel the amended regulations will reflect these current care standards and are necessary to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life.

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." Coming from NJ I was abhorred to know PA had this reputation. We can do something for our animal friends, and you have taken a giant step in the right direction!

Sincerely,

Eileen Rzecinski

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