

Jan 20, 2007  
 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
 Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
 Attn: Ms Mary Bender  
 2301 North Cameron St  
 Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Dr. Lori McGowan, and I am very concerned about the well being of companion animals in Pa, especially dogs.

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 realize this is not an easy task

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.

1. Heat below 50 degrees and cooling above 85 degree
2. Double crate/kennel per dog
3. Add rest boards
4. No chaining
5. Individual feeding and water bowls to guarantee each dog gets a meal and drink
6. 30 minute of exercise
7. removal of dog when cage is cleaned
8. DO NOT issue licenses to previous cruelty violators and research them if they have tried to reopen under another name
9. Sensitivity training for all potential kennel owners and proper kennel management certification needed.
10. Only breed a female one time per year. To give her body a chance to recover. No breeding after age 4

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."

The factory farm breeding of dogs is UNACCEPTABLE. It is a crime against humanity. People who become aware of this industry are disgusted. It is PA's dirty little secret.

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

Sincerely,

*Lori McGowan*

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