

January 22, 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:

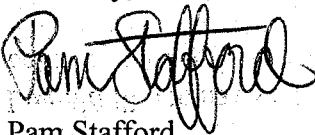
My name is Pam Stafford and I have always had a great love for animals. My husband and I adopted a dog from the Humane League of Lancaster County in June 2000, and since then, we have learned a lot about dogs. We are members of the Humane League, we take part in the Tailwagger's Trot, an annual fundraiser for the Humane League Friends for Spay/Neuter, and we support ORCA with monthly donations. Through the United Way and payroll deduction at my employer, I also make weekly donations to support the Humane League. I walk our dog twice a day, and although my neighbors think I am crazy, the dog benefits greatly and so do I.

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. To be completely honest, I don't like the idea of commercial breeding kennels period, but I realize that they will continue to exist, and at least with more regulations, the dogs may have a better quality of life than without them.

I would like to ask you to please consider adding the regulation that "permanent tethering can not be used as the primary enclosure". At fourteen years of age, I was bitten on the face by a dog which was chained outside his entire life (I was at a barn where a friend boarded her horse). I needed approximately thirty stitches to close the wound and have a permanent scar as a reminder. This event in my life caused me to have very strong feelings about dogs being tied up in any way, shape or form. I feel that tying a dog creates frustration that can turn into aggression. I think that it in itself is a form of cruelty.

I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations and want to thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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