

# Roselynde Kennels, Inc.

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The Honorable Jessie Smith  
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Dear Deputy Secretary Smith:

Barbara and Terry Weiss are owners of Roselynde Kennels, Inc., a dog boarding and grooming facility in Lansdale, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Roselynde Kennels has been operating as a pet boarding facility for 23 years, employing 10 full and/or part-time employees.

We are writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations issued on December 16, 2006. We do not agree with most of the proposed regulatory changes. We do not feel that many of the proposed changes are even needed nor would they have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and they will not improve the quality of care for the dogs in a boarding kennel.

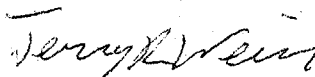
The regulations would require the wholesale renovation of existing kennels already built in compliance with current state standards. The engineering standards proposed are arbitrary, rigid, and are not necessary to maintain sanitary conditions in a boarding kennel.

The record keeping requirements are excessive and burdensome. It would be impossible to verify compliance or accuracy.

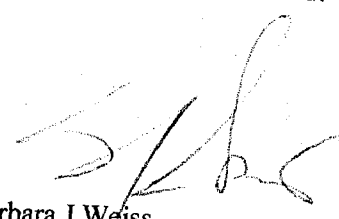
The segregation of dogs by sex and size is not applicable in a boarding kennel situation where each dog already has an individual indoor enclosure and access to an individual outdoor enclosure. The wishes of the owner of the boarded pet are not considered.

We agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions with respect to "puppy mills" needs to be addressed. Our major complaint is the inclusion of **boarding kennel facilities** within the same spectrum as commercial breeders. We also feel that enforcement of the current regulations would solve the problem. Such enforcement could be implemented with the an increase in the number of dog law enforcement officers. We urge that the proposed changes in the regulations be withdrawn, or revised.

Sincerely,



Terry R Weiss



Barbara J Weiss

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