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REVIEW COMMISSION

Ms. Mary Bender  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron St  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Re: Doc No 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

I have been active in pure breed dogs as both a competitor and trainer of my own dogs for over 25 years. I have always researched my breeder before purchasing my puppies and picked my breeders for there expertise and experience in raising my puppy to the age of eight weeks. All of my puppies have been born in the house and exposed to family life before they came to me at eight weeks. They were well on there way to being good family companions when I picked them up at eight weeks.

None of the breeders from whom I bought my puppies would have been able to comply with your "Kennels-Primary Enclosures" portion of this laws as there dogs were kept in the home and taken out for airing and exercise as needed. Most of my breeders also did not have a Kennel with drainage, as again, their dogs were part of the family and lived in the house.

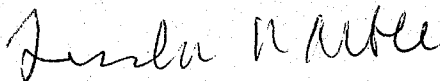
This bill overlooks the needs of the hobby breeder who occasionally breeds a litter and is not raising puppies as a source of income. They do not choose to keep their dogs outside in a kennel away from the family.

I also am active as an instructor for my dog training club's training classes, and since we teach dog classes in a rented building, it appears that our club building would also have to conform to these standards, although no dogs are housed on the premises.

I understand that this bill is an attempt to regulate the "puppy mills" in the state co Pennsylvania, but the reach of this bill is way beyond what I believe was intended

Thank you for your consideration to my concerns.

Sincerely,



Linda R Arble