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Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 8:36 AM
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Cc: IRRRC; Mike.Johanns@usda.gov
Subject: Department of Agriculture Dog Law Regulation update

Good morning, I am a resident of Berks County, about 2 miles from the border with Lancaster County. I am very concerned about the puppy mill industry in Pennsylvania. Thousands of dogs suffer in substandard conditions in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast, especially Lancaster County.

There are new proposed regulations written by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Although this is a good step forward, the new regulations do not adequately protect the dogs. The regulations must require heat and air conditioning in commercial kennels. The new regulations must require better cage conditions by limiting the number of dogs per cage. The new regulations must contain breeding protections for the dogs.

I urge you to contact Governor Rendell, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the Department of Agriculture and ask them to adopt the language submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. Language of laws make all the difference. The Department of Agriculture has issued proposed regulations that were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on December 16, 2006. The public comment period runs to March 16, 2007. I am making my comment known!

Thank you,

Shannon Gansner
90 Dover Court
Morgantown, PA 19543
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Subject: Cracking down on Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania

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Arthur Coccodrilli,
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you,
Nancy Golumbia

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From: Virginia Replogle [v_replogle@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 6:54 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):

I have the following issues with Gov. Ed Rendell's proposed changes to the dog laws:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Regards,
Dr. Virginia Gonsman
Roaring Spring, PA

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To: IRRC
Subject: PA Puppy Mill Laws

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Please incorporate the following into the new PA Puppy Mill laws:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

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To: IRRC
Subject: PA puppy mills

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Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli,

I am pleased that PA is addressing the horrible conditions and practice of puppy mills. However I beg you to please:

- 1. Exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters, from the Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.**
- 2. Please include representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.**

Respectfully,

**Theodosia Regal
Butler, PA**

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Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 10:26 AM

To: IRRC

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From: shelms@firstenergycorp.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9:26 AM
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Thank you for being part of this important change.

Stacy Helms
Reading PA

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From: Sean Hayes [micheleandseanhayes@hotmail.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2007 11:25 PM**To:** IRRC**Subject:** Proposed Dog Law Regulations

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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am writing to you today regarding my support for the crack down on puppy mills in Pennsylvania as well as my concern for the new dog law regulations proposed by Gov. Ed Rendell. I respectfully request you seriously consider the following points for the welfare of the innocent dogs we are trying to protect:

1. The dog law regulations as applied to kennels should **exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations**, especially non-kennel based rescues and fosters. These life saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Please forward this request to anyone else who may be able to help. Thank you so much for your time and commitment to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Michele Hayes (dog owner and animal lover)

Pittsburgh, PA

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From: Ruth Crouthamel [rcrouth@myexcel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 6:35 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog law regulations Ms. Bender and Arthur Coccodrilli

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
(717) 787-3062
Fax: 717-772-4352

and

Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
Arthur Coccodrilli,
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Main Telephone: (717) 783-5417
Fax: (717) 783-2664
Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

Changes need to be made to the current dog laws.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for being part of this important change.

Ruth M. Crouthamel

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As a resident of Pennsylvania, I am writing a letter in support of the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in Pennsylvania as follow:

- ❖ Doubling the minimum cage size
- ❖ Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- ❖ Requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- ❖ Requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- ❖ Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- ❖ Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

Also please exempt shelters and rescue groups from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements.

Foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you,

Debbie Smith
1315 Lonely Cottage Road
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed amendments to the current kennel regulations which could result in improving the lives of many dogs subjected to puppy mills. A daily exercise program, doubling the minimum cage size requirements, keeping the temperatures at a comfortable level, and more specific food, water and bedding requirements are just a few of the changes which I support. Having lost a beloved chocolate lab as a result of his mistreatment at a puppy mill, I strongly support the provision to deny kennel owners convicted of cruelty in the past 10 years the right to a kennel license.

I would also like to note that it would be beneficial for rescue shelters and homes to be exempt from the housing requirements and instead follow separate standards for dogs kept in housed settings. I would also like to support the detailed comments submitted by the Humane Society of the United States.

Thank you for your time and support to help kennel dogs live better lives!

Sincerely,

Michelle Rossi

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From: auntsue1@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:46 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills in PA

I hope the governor will work with Best Friends and local non-profit rescue and foster groups to address the problems with puppy mills in PA.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Sue Smith

Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
Arthur Coccodrilli
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to you concerning the new regulations on the "puppy mills" in Pennsylvania. First of all, I feel that all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel based rescues and fosters should be exempt from the dog law regulations as applied to kennels. These are the very people in these two groups are doing more than any other people in this state to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices (via the puppy mills).

Second of all, non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Please, as an animal lover, which I'm sure you are, for the sake of all animals concerned in this, Listen to the people who are writing similar letters etc. to you who are on the Dog Law Advisory Board and get these changes made to the present regulations.

I thank you in advance for helping all of us "animal lovers" in the State of Pennsylvania and especially the animals who will benefit from these changes to the regulations.

Jerilyn Capaccione

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From: dean lyons [nittanylyons1990@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 1:12 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulations for Dog Law

Yes Hello,
I wanted to e-mail you a message containing 2 things.
I hope that you will hear my voice . .thank you for reading this.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Shelby Lyons
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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From: Gauntlett, Naomi A. [NGauntlett@mayerbrownrowe.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 1:14 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills

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Naomi A. Gauntlett
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From: gearmbrust05@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 6:35 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Changes to new dog law reg's

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

Please consider ammending the new law. I suggest the following changes:

- The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

- Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Your help is much appreciated,

Respectfully,

Gary E. Armbrust

From: GinaManson@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 2:54 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: dog law regulations

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for being part of this important change.
Gina Manson

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From: Greta Longenecker [gretalong@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 10:09 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: dog law

Please exempt rescues and non-profits who care for unwanted dogs from the proposed dog law. Many of these people use their own money to save dogs from death and torture.

They spay and neuter and provide veterinary care. And, they should be represented on the Dog Lay Advisory Board.

Thank you so much for proposing a law that would stop puppy mills (hopefully).

Greta G. Longenecker
1108 Swedesford Road
North Wales PA 19454
215-699-8223

From: Joe/Susan Phillips [phil40@ptd.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 2:35 PM
To: IRRC

As a resident of Pennsylvania, a dog owner, and an animal lover, I am concerned over the current dog laws in Pennsylvania. I hope that they can be changed.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you.

Susan Phillips
5352 Glen Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036

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Kerry

From: Labs13@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 8:48 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

As a resident of Pennsylvania, the Puppy Mill situation is a huge concern of mine. I am asking that you please consider the following:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

I am sure you will agree, we do not want to continue to have the reputation for being the worst state for puppy mills. Please, our dogs are counting on us!! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Shenberger
Brogue, PA
717-927-8104

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Reply

From: Laurie Goetz [lgoetz35@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 12:15 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mill Legislation

As I read through the proposed legislation I noted and so have a few organizations such as Best Friends that the following should be taken into consideration as this goes forward:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thanks for addressing a horrible problem for the puppies welfare and to stop a very embarrassing situation that the State of Pennsylvania should have stopped tolerating a long time ago.

Laurie

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Rally Coops.

From: Leah [leahxh@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9:47 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Re:Puppy Mills

Dear Mr Coccodrilli,

Please help change the laws regarding the puppy mills. I wish they were banished forever. The cruelty imposed there is unforgivable but it can change with your help.

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2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you and Best regards,
Leah Hynansky

leahxh@earthlink.net

Kaun, -

From: Levin, Robin [RLevin@foxrothschild.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 4:00 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Public Comments re: New Dog Law Regulations

Hello. I am writing in response to the invitation for public comments regarding the proposed Dog Law Regulations.

I have two comments:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you.

Robin Levin

Robin Levin, Paralegal (Mondays through Thursdays)
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Thank you.

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From: lisa troshinsky [ltroshinsky@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:52 AM
To: IRRC

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Thank you for being part of this important change.

Thank you

Lisa Troshinsky

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From: Longacre, Carol A [Carol.A.Longacre@questdiagnostics.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:21 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Stop Puppy Mills in PA

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices. 2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

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From: Lucinda Safran [safranlm@westminster.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:37 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: puppy mills

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Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thanks,
Lucinda Safran

From: Marie Rodi [marierodi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 3:07 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog law regulations

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Marie Rodi

From: Michelle Angeloff [angeloffm827@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 3:39 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania

I am a concerned citizen writing with regard to ending the horrors of Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania.

Dog laws as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit and Welfare Rescue organizations, especially non-kennel based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for those dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders by bad breeding practices.

Specifications from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Michelle Angeloff
119 Jenny Lynn Drive
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001

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From: Rita Giovenella [reegee23@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 9:52 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog Law

The Dog Law regulations should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations. These are the people who save and care for the dogs who are abused or abandoned by others.

There should be representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to represent the interests of the animals affected by these regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Rita Giovenella
Broomall, PA

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From: Sue Lloyd [suelloyd@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 8:26 AM
To: IRRRC
Subject: PUPPY MILLS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Susan Lloyd
Apollo, PA 15613

From: Sue or John Pac [sandjpac@localnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 8:28 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy mills

To Whom It May Concern:

I am forwarding some thoughts that I agree with.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all
 - >non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially
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 - >of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you,
Sue Pacanowski
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Kelley

From: Susan Gish [Casting@philacast.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 2:13 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Philadelphia, PA.

Puppy Mills crack down!

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Thank you,
Susan Gish

Susan Gish
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From: SUSAN GORDON [susgord5@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 12:27 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I commend Governor Rendell for what he is doing to shutdown the Puppy Mills. It is very important that they no longer are in existence. The animals safety and health are first and foremost of concern. I have also listed two points that I feel should be considered also and they are as follows:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

It is my greatest concern for the welfare of animals. I want to thankyou in advance for your time and cooperation in this matter. I believe it is everyones' concern to protect the animals from ruthless people who are only out for the money and not what is best for the animal.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Gordon

From: Susan Sklaroff-Van Hook [sklar72@epix.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 7:32 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: puppy mill regulation

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

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Sincerely,
Susan and Greg Van Hook

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From: suzi owens [smo58@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:41 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog lwa regulations.

Please allow me to voice my concern and beliefs on the proposed dog law regulations.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

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Thank you.

Suzi Owens

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From: Tracey Carey [tracey.carey@i-stat.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:45 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mills

To Arthur Coccodrilli,

Your support and assistance with the following two requests is extremely important and would be greatly appreciated:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you very much,
Tracey Carey

Kathy Cooper

From: Winona Wise [winonawise@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 3:46 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mill bill

I appreciate the efforts to stop the problem of puppy mills. I abhor any mistreatment of animals and want to see this stopped. Having said that I believe that the following amendments should be made to the existing proposal.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for being part of this important change. Let's all work together to stop this animal abuse but at the same time help the proper animal rescue and welfare groups. They should not be treated the same.

Winona F Wise

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From: Annette Wenger [wengeral@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 12:27 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog laws

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Sincerely,
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I am writing to propose the following changes to the puppy mill regulations for Pennsylvania. I believe the following two provisions should be amended.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

I fully support Governor Rendell in his crackdown on Puppy Mills in PA!!!

Jessica Maurer

Proposal Communications Consultant

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From: Sue Landis [suel@yorkpbtruss.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 2:10 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog Law Regulations

Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
Arthur Coccodrilli,
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Main Telephone: (717) 783-5417
Fax: (717) 783-2664
Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

I believe that:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
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Thank you,

Sue Landis
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Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 7:28 PM
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am in full support of the Dog law regulations with the following changes:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Please consider supporting this for everyone's sake.

Thank you for being part of this important change.

Maureen A Barrett
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From: sallmond [rockon1@ptd.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 6:38 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Puppy Mill Regulations for State of Pennsylvania

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Hi, Best Friends Organization has requested those caring about the plight of animals in this State send the following statement to you. I sincerely hope you will make the right decisions for all the animals who cannot speak for themselves. The reputation of the State of Pennsylvania regarding Puppy Mills is known nationally and worldwide, that to me, should be a most embarrassing situation for state officials.

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2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your time,

Sherilyn Allmond
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From: Beth [ozonebaby22@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 2:49 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Dog Law Regulations

Hello,

I just want to say, the crackdown on puppy mills is long overdue and I applaud people like yourself and Governor Rendell for proposing to make changes in dog law regulations. I do plead to you the following though:

The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

These groups are a big reason why those animals who would otherwise end up being euthanized get the medical care they might need and then the loving home that they all deserve. They do amazing work and need to be recognized as doing GOOD work and not the bad that those puppy mills are doing.

Please consider my thoughts, as I know I am not the only person with the same concerns!

Thank you,
Beth Jordan
Philadelphia, PA.

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Subject: Dog Law regulations

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Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am a registered voter and PA resident and I'm writing you today to express my concern about the Dog Law regulations. It is my understanding that some are against the dog law as it would hurt reputable breeders and kennel owners. If indeed a breeder/kennel owner is of high repute, then by definition they should want to highest quality of life possible for companion animals. Otherwise, how can they claim to be reputable? Furthermore, reputable breeders and kennels would only be helped by a law that puts tighter restrictions on companion animal small businesses; forcing so-called "puppy mills" out of business could only help their businesses. In addition, I'd like to make the following points:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

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From: Deb [sagenlyle@verizon.net]
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I am writing in regard to the Dog Law regulations as it applies to kennels. The law should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized to save unwanted dogs resulting from bad breeding. Please consider this!!
Thank you
Debbie Mcleod

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Sent: Friday, March 16, 2007 8:41 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: PA Puppy Mills

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Please accept my comments in regard to the Dog Law regulations.

The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lois.

Lois Cantwell
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From: Susan Riley [suzi511@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Re: Puppy Mill Regulations - Urgent

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March 16th, 2007

TO: Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
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333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Main Telephone: (717) 783-5417
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Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli

The atrocity of Puppy Mills makes a terrible stain on our state.....as well as doing a horrendous injustice to helpless animals, and the uninformed people who buy from these disreputable places.

As an avid lifetime animal owner and lover, I sincerely request the following actions:

- 1) The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
- 2). Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for being part of this important change.

Sincerely,

Susan Riley

511 Jefferson Avene
Cheltenham, PA 19012
Suzi511@yahoo.com

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March 14, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,

I totally support Gov. Ed Rendell's commitment to cracking down on the puppy mills by proposing changes to dog law regulations. I believe that the Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices. I also feel that representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

I hope you will lend your support in making this happen.

Sincerely,

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To: IRRC; IRRC
Subject: Pennsylvania Puppy Mills

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Sincerely,
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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Subject: Puppy mills

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Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 4:50 AM**To:** ccspcavolunteerandstaff@yahoogroups.com; IRRRCINDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** RE: Cracking down on Puppy Mills in PA - pets still pay the price

I regret that I did not receive this knowledge of comments until March 17th. Not that would mean much in the eyes of this state or any other.

The best law would be a law totally banning puppy mills and breeders. Or a law that bans selling dogs and cats at all unless it is from a rescue. And that would be only the beginning. If that is not effective enough to reduce the numbers of homeless pets, the next law should be to ban all breeding of dogs and cats. And frankly I don't care what the American Kennel Club thinks. I think that club is a lot of braggarts that give no thought to the suffering that they inflict upon the homeless pets.

I think they should stop the showing off of their thoughtlessness about homeless pets. Why don't they show off their vacuum cleaners or sofa instead of promoting the sale of one breed of feeling creature at the expense of another feeling creature?

Pennsylvania law is still feeble...so is USA law. As is the American Kennel Club.

Barbara Dougherty

From: "Laura Hallar" <laurahallar@gmail.com>
 Reply-To: ccspcavolunteerandstaff@yahoogroups.com
 To: ccspcavolunteerandstaff@yahoogroups.com
 Subject: [ccspcavolunteerandstaff] BEST FRIENDS Article--Cracking down on Puppy Mills in PA
 Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 22:50:10 -0000

This message was forwarded to me from one of our volunteers, Paula Duncan, who receives messages from Best Friends--a great animal sanctuary out in Utah. This message from Michael Mountain, Best Friend's President, talks about how to show your support for the legislation that Gov. Rendell passed back in the fall on PA's puppy mills.

Thanks Paula for passing this along to us!

Hope everyone is having a great weekend so far :-)
 Laura

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Cracking down on Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania

Background: Many Americans still buy their dogs from pet stores. And most pet stores get the dogs from puppy mills – factory farms where thousands upon thousands of mother dogs spend their entire lives in small wire cages giving birth after birth after birth to puppies of every breed.

These puppy mills are places of horror – almost entirely unregulated. And the puppies themselves are often sickly and suffering from genetic deformities that only show up when it's too late to take them back to the store. Where do they end up? In our shelters and our broken hearts.

One of the worst states for puppy mills is Pennsylvania. But last fall, Gov. Ed Rendell (D) announced a commitment to cracking down on the puppy mills by proposing changes to dog law regulations. Best Friends supports Gov. Rendell for his commitment, but there are some major problems with the new regulations, and we hope the governor will work with Best Friends and local non-profit rescue and foster groups to address these problems.

How you can help:

The public comment period for the new regulations ends this Friday, March 16th! You have a voice in what happens to the animals of your state. You can make a difference in facilitating a real change during the Comment Period that's happening right now.

First, you can find out more about Puppy Mills and the proposed Pennsylvania regulations by visiting the Truth About Puppy Mills Community <http://network.bestfriends.org/truth>

Second, please forward this e-mail to friends and family that love and care about animals.

Third, Please call, write or fax your comments to:

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
(717) 787-3062
Fax: 717-772-4352

and

Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
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Thank you for being part of this important change.

Michael Mountain
President, Best Friends Animal Society

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Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a member of a PA rescue group, Furry Friends Network, I fully agree with these comments by Best Friends, one of the largest rescue operations in the US. PA is in the national spotlight. What is achieved or failed here will be avidly watched by millions in every state!! Please research & vote wisely.

Best Friends suggests:

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Background: Many Americans still buy their dogs from pet stores. And most pet stores get the dogs from puppy mills – factory farms where thousands upon thousands of mother dogs spend their entire lives in small wire cages giving birth after birth after birth to puppies of every breed.

These puppy mills are **places of horror** – almost entirely unregulated. And the puppies themselves are often sickly and suffering from genetic deformities that only show up when it's too late to take them back to the store. Where do they end up? In our shelters and our broken hearts.

One of the worst states for puppy mills is Pennsylvania. But last fall, Gov. Ed Rendell (D) announced a commitment to cracking down on the puppy mills by proposing changes to dog law regulations. Best Friends supports Gov. Rendell for his commitment, but there are some major problems with the new regulations, and **we hope the governor will work with Best Friends and local non-profit rescue and foster groups** to address these problems. You can find out more about Puppy Mills and the proposed Pennsylvania regulations by visiting the Truth About Puppy Mills Community <http://network.bestfriends.org/truth>

Respectfully,
Dona Bernardi
PO Box 4201
Harrisburg, PA 17111

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Hello,

The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs that are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for being part of this very important change.

Do the right thing.

**Sincerely,
Andrea S. Ponsetto**

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 22, 2007

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,

W A Kennel
Rd 1 Box 597
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to tell you that I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. Unfortunately, I feel that the proposed regulations by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that were recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin still do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

Last year here, in Oregon, I made the mistake of purchasing a puppy which I later found out to come from a commercial breeding kennel. When I found out the conditions that these dogs live in, I was horrified. I feel that I have been personally violated by the knowledge that I now posse. I have watched in horror as the temperatures plunged this winter, knowing that the dogs in those kennels were freezing to death or suffering from frostbite that will probably go untreated.

As Americans, we have all grown up with images of the intelligence of dogs. Books such as "Lassie Come Home", "Old Yeller" and "Rin Tin Tin" as well as movies and TV shows such as "Benji" and "Eddie" the dog on "Frasier" are ingrained in our national psyche. Our news channels report on seeing eye dogs, therapy dogs, tracking dogs, police dogs, dogs who work our airports, even dogs who can be trained to detect cancer or to alert their master before an attack of epilepsy. These examples all attest to what all dog owners already know, that dogs are intelligent creatures with active minds and not just "livestock" as these breeders believe.

It is therefore my belief that it is a profound embarrassment to the people of Pennsylvania that these horrific conditions are allowed to exist and that their state should be known as the "puppy mill Capital of the East Coast." You have the ability to change that, to give dignity back to your state. You must put an end to the horrific conditions that exist in these commercial kennels. Until that happens I will keep my tourism dollars away and I will urge everyone I know to do the same.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Branda Pace

4723 N. Borthwick

Portland, Oregon 97217.

"The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them. That's the essence of inhumanity." George Bernard Shaw.

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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli,

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2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Kathleen Wagner
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From: Judith Giangulio [sparky1204@verizon.net]
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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
(717) 787-3062
Fax: 717-772-4352

Please help stop the Puppy Mills of PA.. I had such an animal. A Collie who looked like Lassie. It cost us so much money to raise this animal. We had him for 13 1/2 yrs. We couldn't turn our backs on him. We bought him and he was our responsibility. It should be everyones responsibility to treat animals with respect. I can't understand it. We can put a man on the moon but we can't stop people from producing puppy after puppy.

Read the below:

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Subject: Please do something to make PA puppy mills extinct

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Thank you for helping companion animals in the State of PA

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

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Judi Goldstein,
Buzzy's Bow Wow Meow

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Here is my comment during this period of public information:

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2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Sincerely,
Judith Worrall
West Chester PA

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Hi

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
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Thank you

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1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should **exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters.** These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit **animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.**

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Subject: Puppy Mill Regulation

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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

Thank you for working on the review process for Pennsylvania puppy mills. It is an absolute disgrace that this is going on in our state. Please keep in mind the following when making recommendations for regulation.

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you,
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Hi,

I would like to comment on what is happening to animals in our Pennsylvania.

— Find a way to stop the puppy mills!!

— The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

— Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Denise Gilbert

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I am a concerned PA resident and also a dog owner of 3 and lover of dogs.

Since dogs can not speak for themselves I am interested in the following:

1. That representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

2. The dog law should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations.

Thank you for listening to your PA citizens concerns....

Yours in Christ

Lori Lacy (Reading PA)

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Please:

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Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank You

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Subject: PUPPY MILLS

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To: IRRC
Subject: Comments on Propose Puppy Mill Regulations

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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

As a resident of Pennsylvania, I support regulations which will help stop the suffering and cruelty which exists in Pennsylvania's puppy mills and also help protect consumers who buy these puppies. However, I do have a few comments:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michelle Shapiro
2301 Green Street, #5
Philadelphia, PA 19130

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REVIEW COMMISSION**Mr. Coccodrilli:**

Please help the people who do the heartbreaking job of tending to these living, breathing, feeling creatures. There is no reason not to. We can all travel the road to a better, kinder and compassionate world.

- 1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.**
- 2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.**

Our reputation regarding puppy mills is an embarrassment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Marlena Sensale
Tannersville, Pennsylvania**

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From: Linda Brodeur [lbrodeur@fast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2007 11:48 PM
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Subject: Puppy Mills

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Dear Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli:

I am a Pennsylvania resident and have been appalled, heart-broken, and angry about the conditions poor defenseless animals in our state are subjected to in the puppy mills of our state. Our state is the worst in the entire USA. We should be ashamed! I have always had pets, AND ALWAYS GET THEM FROM MY LOCAL ASPCA. They have been wonderful pets and friends. I beg you to do the following:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.
3. Also I hope the Governor Rendell will work with Best Friends and local non-profit rescue and foster groups.

Thank you,
Linda Brodeur
Bethlehem, PA

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Subject: Please Help

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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am writing to ask your help regarding puppy mills in Pennsylvania. As a true animal lover, it horrifies me to know that individuals are benefitting from the horror these animals go through.

I ask that you consider the following:

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Thank you for being part of this important change.

Sincerely,

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