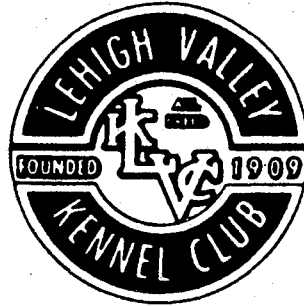


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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,

As corresponding secretary of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, I am writing to express our concerns about the new proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued in December of 2006.

The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club is dedicated to responsible dog ownership, educating the general public concerning responsible dog ownership and conforms to strict codes of breeding and selling the puppies we breed. Our organization plays a major role in the economy of the Lehigh Valley. Our September and December Point Shows bring thousands of dog fanciers into the area. Hotels and businesses benefit from these shows. Our Canine Learning experience is one of the largest in the country dedicated to educating the public. We have club booths, lectures, demonstrations, clinics, and vendors selling everything related to dogs. You experienced this first hand several years ago when you visited our show. I believe Canine Learning Experience boasts the largest AKC sanctioned Match Show in the country. Again, thousands of visitors are spending their dollars in the Lehigh Valley.

The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club also donates a portion of our profits from these shows to local service organizations. In September 2006, we donated pet oxygen masks to six ambulance corps and rescue squads in the Lehigh Valley.

The proposed dog laws will greatly affect the small "hobby breeders". They will not be able to comply with the rigid commercial standards. We believe that small breeders and owners who maintain their dogs in their residential premises, but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards.

If these new regulations are passed, the responsible breeder, striving to better their breed will be forced to stop breeding leaving only the irresponsible breeders who do not comply with the laws to supply the market with inferior quality puppies. Once again, the small responsible breeder will suffer and the "puppy mills" will find a way to work around the regulations.

The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club strongly suggests that these new laws be withdrawn and a closer look be taken into what will really happen if these regulations are passed.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Dunkling

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