Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Atten: Mary Bender
Pa. Dept of Agriculture
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,
My name is Sharon Roble, 1911 Taylor Drive, Center Valley, Pa. 18034. I currently hold a K1 license and am a hobby breeder of over 30 years. My experience with dogs spans many areas from showing to behavior and rescue.

On Dec. 162006 proposed Amendments to the Pa Dog Law were made public, they seem to me to have very little with reality or science. I agree that commercial kennels that keep the dogs like livestock should be monitored closely, however lumping hobby breeders into the same classifications as those who make a living breeding puppies is at best misguided and totally irrational.

It seems a small group of "rescues" aligned with some wealthy animal rights folks have their hand in this, below are some examples of items I feel are suspect of a hidden agenda.

As a breeder who produces no more than 1 litter a year and actually rescues having to retool my housing of my animals to comply with new regs would actually put my dogs in an inferior environment than they currently are..

Record keeping requirements in respect to exercise are totally ridiculous and serve no useful purpose, just how will one verify such records, Dog wardens are currently overburdened, these new regs are totally unenforceable.

Lumping commercial kennels and hobby breeders into the same pot is a bit like comparing apples and watermelons. This is illogical

I urge the withdrawal of this proposal that seems to be put together willy nilly instead of addressing the specific problems, the approach should be from science not emotion. I believe more stringent enforcement of current
laws will accomplish more than this ill advised collection of thinly veiled animal rights agenda.

It only makes sense to oversee commercial operations differently than hobby kennels, where dogs are much more a part of the family.

Respectively,
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