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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**

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Dear Mary Bender:

Please do not enact the new dog laws.

One of the most egregious parts of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations is that which states that your kennel facility should be large enough to house all the dogs that you might have during a year. It reads that the establishment shall have kennel facilities for all of the dogs currently on the premises or TO BE kept, harbored, boarded, sheltered, sold, given away or in any way transferred by the establishment, which ever number is larger.

Taken to its logical conclusion, a rescue group which brings 100 dogs into Pennsylvania during the year would need a kennel large enough to house 100 dogs, even though most of them might go to the temporary homes that would now be regulated by the law.

Or, if you are a breeder with a 26 to 50 dog kennel license and you had 8 adult dogs and 4 litters of 8 puppies each, you would need to build a kennel for 40 dogs even though you might never have more than the 8 adults and 8 puppies at any one time.

These proposed changes to the construction requirements for kennels do not include any provision similar to that which is generally allowed for construction code upgrades, nor the grandfathering of all presently compliant facilities. There is not even a period of time mentioned to allow kennels to renovate to meet these new requirements.

Sincerely,

*Ann Filetti*