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Morgantown, PA 19543  
January 30, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a responsible breeder of quality Golden Retrievers and West Highland White Terriers. I have been doing the very best job possible for 15 years and have learned so much about their care and breeding. We have most of our dogs in our home but there are times when they must be secured for their own safety and to ensure the purity of the puppies that are bred. I guess we would be considered a hobby breeder. Everyone who comes to my home can see my kennels and all of my dogs. Even the AKC inspector was greatly pleased.

We as a family enjoy our pets. Our children have each learned many valuable lessons from raising, training and caring for their individual dog. Yet we would be hampered and unable to enjoy what we do - periodically providing happy and grateful new owners with loving companions, if the new regulations are enacted. These amendments issued on December 16, 2006 would not accomplish the goal of ensuring the humane treatment of dogs. I believe that substandard kennel conditions are reprehensible but these excessive regulations would hinder most of us responsible dog lovers.

Please do not adopt these regulations. There is no accepted husbandry research which would indicate that these regulations concerning kennel space and exercise are necessary, but they would definitely be burdensome and actually not even possible for us to comply. They will make it impossible for us to continue doing what we love and they will make it close to impossible for families and individuals to bring a wonderful pet into their home to love.

Please do what you can to help change this situation.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Susan Taylor