

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

January 18, 2007

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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

*Mary Nolt
Ronald Nolt*

Ronald O Nolt
236 Musser Rd
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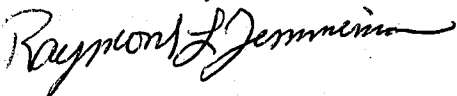
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Yours sincerely,



Raymond L. Zimmerman
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Stephen Z. Zook

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Strasburg, PA 17579

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Ms. Mary Bender
 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
 2301 North Cameron Street
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January 17, 2007

Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

It has been brought to my attention the newly proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations. As the owner of a companion dog who was bred by a small scale breeder in PA, I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed changes.

I purchased my dog directly from this reputable breeder, not a pet shop or large-scale commercial kennel, because I wanted the best chance at getting a healthy dog with a good temperament. I wanted to know that my puppy had been exposed to a variety of normal household situations and was prepared to live the life of a family companion. By buying directly from a breeder, I was able to see the conditions in which my puppy was raised even though I do not live in PA.

The proposed changes, particularly those applying to "Kennels- Primary Enclosures", are of particular concern to me. It is my understanding that in these proposed changes, if a cumulative total of 26 dogs are housed at "the Establishment" during a calendar year, then licensed breeders will be required to have housing facilities that comply with the specifications outlined in the proposed changes. Small scale breeders who fall into the class 1 designation, would no longer be able to maintain, breed, whelp or raise their dogs within their homes. These breeders, who strive to produce dogs which are true to breed type, of good temperament, and, inasmuch as possible, free from genetic disorders, would be forced to either restrict their numbers or build facilities to meet the standards.

I credit my dog's good temperament to thoughtful breeding and to the love and attention that my breeder gave my puppy. Most importantly, this included exposure to everyday sights and sounds, such as:

- 1) My puppy was taken outside to potty on grass regularly. This is of importance to me, as it helped with the housebreaking process.
- 2) In a home situation, my puppy was exposed to different surfaces and noises such as kitchen appliances, television and other noises that occur in my home.
- 3) My puppy was given opportunity to interact with other dogs, helping with social skills needed to meet other dogs we come in contact with.

While I applaud the efforts to improve the living conditions for the dogs and puppies being raised in commercial facilities, I find it a great disservice to the reputable breeder, who standards far surpass in many ways, what these proposed amendments mandate. I, for one, want the choice to buy from a small scale, reputable breeder, and oppose these amendments.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Lieb
 288 Maple St
 Carlisle, MA 01741

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Sincerely, *Donna B. Martin*

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The proposed kennel regulations that are strongly needed are:

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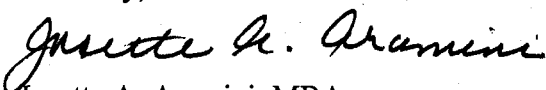
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- Tethering - 2 states have already banned the use of tethers as a permanent enclosure. Virginia legislature is about to introduce a bill to ban the use of tethers for more than 4 hours a day. Pennsylvania dog law should also ban the use of tethers as a permanent enclosure.
- There must be a mandatory rest between breeding cycles for the health of the female and the health and well being of her litter.
- The word "may" should be replaced with "shall" throughout the kennel regulations.

I thank you again for the opportunity to comment on such an important issue as the welfare of our dogs and I look forward to seeing the conditions improve for our companion animals.

Sincerely,



Josette A. Aramini, MBA
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Pittsburgh, Pa. 15215

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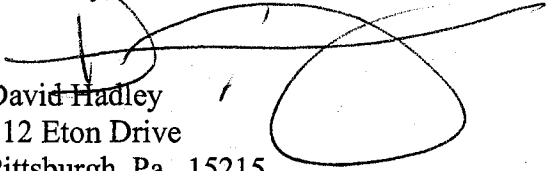
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*Vera Cruz Farm Kennel
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Reinholds, PA 17569*

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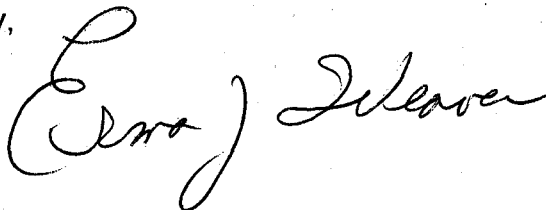
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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Alvin M. Lapp
5471 Buena-Vista Road
Gap, PA 17527

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 236 Musser Rd
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John Martin
303 Mill Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

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

With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

John Martin

NOTICE OF RECEIPT
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**SUSAN Z KING
223 REFTON ROAD
NEW PROVIDENCE, PA 17560**

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Yours Sincerely,

Susan Z. King

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**MARTHA Z KING
223 REFTON ROAD
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Yours Sincerely,

Martha Z. King

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JONAS S. KING
329-A CENTERVILLE RD
GORDONVILLE, PA 17529

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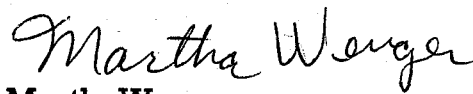
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Martha Wenger
445 S. Fairmount Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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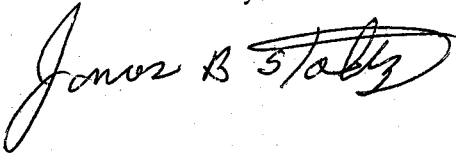
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Yours sincerely,



Jonas B. Stoltzfus
125 California Rd
Narvon, PA 17555

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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 18, 2007

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Quentin M. Weaver

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101 Turtle Hill Road
Leola, PA 17540

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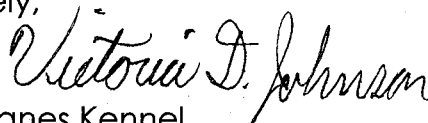
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Yours sincerely,



Victorian Danes Kennel
2197 Bingham Center Rd
North Bingham, PA 16941

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Meadow Lane Kennels
526 Quarry Rd
New Holland, PA 17557

January 23, 2007

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

Sera Martin

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Kristy Forry
2527 Buckwalter Road
Manheim, PA 17545

January 18, 2007

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Yours truly,

Kristy Forry

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ROARING SPRING, PA 16673**

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

January 19, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

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The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Herman R Nolt

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LEVI S STOLTZFUS
633 EAST MEADOW ROAD
MANHEIM, PA 17545

JANUARY 18, 2007

BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ATTN: MS. MARY BENDER
2301 NORTH CAMERON STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9408

DEAR MS. BENDER,

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DOG LAW ACT 225 WHICH WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 16, 2006.

WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BUREAU IS TRYING TO IMPROVE SUBSTANDARD KENNEL CONDITIONS, I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT THAT MOST OF THE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY.

THE PROPOSED RECORD KEEPING WOULD REQUIRE ME TO WRITE DOWN THE DATE AND TIME I WASHED EACH FOOD AND WATER BOWL, EVERY TIME A PEN IS CLEANED; EACH INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE RUN IS CLEANED, ETC. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO HAVE MY GENERAL DAILY PROCEDURES THAT I ROUTINELY FOLLOW, IN WRITING. THIS IS SIMILAR TO HOW THE USDA REGULATIONS ARE WORDED.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE DEMOLITION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S LICENSED AND INSPECTED KENNELS. YET, THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CHANGE. IN ADDITION, THE AVERAGE COST TO REBUILD KENNEL WILL BE BETWEEN \$30,000.00 AND \$500,000.00 EACH.

I SINCERELY URGE THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE WITHDRAWN, AS THE BENEFICIAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN QUESTION IF THE PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED.

YOURS TRULY,

Levi S. Stoltzfus

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Mary Kathryn Martin
954 Center Church Road
East Earl, PA 17519-9310

January 20, 2007

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2301 North Cameron Street
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Mary Kathryn Martin

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Yours sincerely,

Raymond Martin

Raymond H. Martin
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East Earl, PA 17519-9310

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Ephraim F. Esh

**Ephraim F. Esh
190 Balance Meeting Road
Peach Bottom, PA 17563**

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John E. Esh
66 Clearview Road
Ronks, PA 17572

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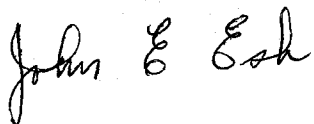
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Yours truly,



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Yours truly,

Nelson B. Martin
301 Mill Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Yours truly,

Mervin S Martin
200 Shirk Town Road
Narvon, PA 17555

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**Amos Stoltzfus Kennel
130 Elm Rd
Lititz, PA 17543**

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January 20, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Amos D Stoltzfus
please help us so we can
keep our farms

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Reuben S. Stoltzfus

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164 California Road
Narvon, PA 17555

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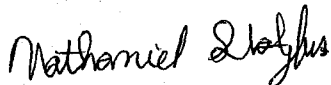
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Yours truly,



Nathaniel Stoltzfus
129 N. Maple Ave.
Leola, PA 17540

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Yours Sincerely,



Ella Mae Zimmerman
1008 W. Quarry Rd.
New Holland, PA 17557-9605

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I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Warren J. Tucker Sr. - 01-23-07

Country Manor Kennel
895 Manor Rd
Windsor, PA 17366

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Kenneth H Martin

Covered Bridge Kennel
1645 Weaverland Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

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Yours Sincerely, *Paul H. Zimmerman*

Conestoga Kennel
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East Earl, PA 17519

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

January 22, 2007

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Country Haven Kennels
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Oxford, PA 19363

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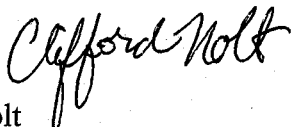
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Clifford Nolt
797 Terre Hill Road
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Yours Sincerely,

David M. Zimmerman
25 Hickory Lane
Ephrata, PA 17522-8823

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Yours Sincerely,

David Lapp
3017 Irishtown Rd
Ronks, PA 17572

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Yours Sincerely,



David Z. Seibel
1610 Steinmetz Road
Stevens, PA 17578

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Emanuel B Beiler

**Emanuel Beiler
 255 S. Groffdale Rd
 Leola, PA 17540**

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*P.S. Do you keep record? When you wash your dishes?
 When you eat or meal etc. Clean house etc.*

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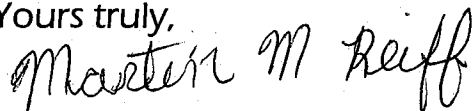
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Yours truly,



Martin M. Reiff
163 Voneida Street
Narvon, PA 17555

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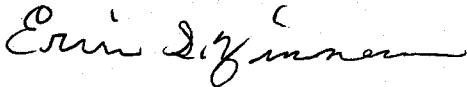
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



**Ervin S. Zimmerman
400 West Metzler Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522**

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EDWIN D. JOHNSON

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*S & M Happy Kennel
353 E.Eby Rd
Leola, PA 17540*

January 11, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely, *Stephen S. Hoff*

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**KEN-GRILL PET PARLOR
703 MT. VIEW RD.
READING, PA 19607**

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

January 23, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

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Yours Sincerely,

Cynthia Eselman

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Yours truly,



Pet Parlor
703 Mt View Rd
Reading, PA 19607

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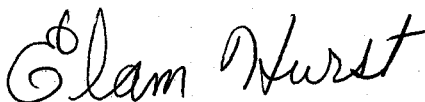
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Yours Sincerely,

Elam Hurst
310 Reading Road
East Earl, PA 17519



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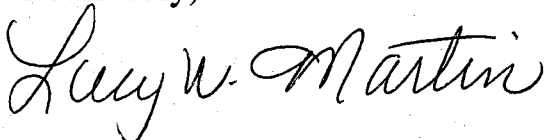
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Lucy Martin
1645 Weaverland Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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Kenneth Martin
1645 Weaverland Road
East Earl, PA 17519

January 18, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

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

With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

Kenneth H. Martin

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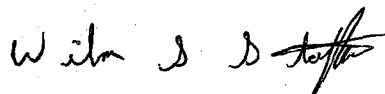
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Yours sincerely,



Wilmer Stoltzfus
1015 West Lexington Rd
Lititz, PA 17543

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Nelson Weaver
596 Martindale Road
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395 SPRING HOLLOW ROAD
EAST EARL, PA 17519**

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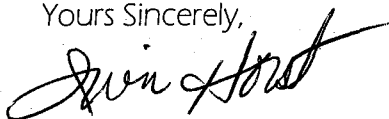
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Yours Sincerely,



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*Amos M Zimmerman
1560 Weaverland Rd.
East Earl, PA 17519*

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January 18, 2007

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JANUARY 18, 2007

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ATTN: MS. MARY BENDER
2301 NORTH CAMERON STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9408

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YOURS TRULY,

LeRoy A Burkholder

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370 CALIFORNIA ROAD
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Ephrata, PA 17522

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**IVAN RAY WEAVER
914 CENTERVILLE ROAD
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Litiz, PA 17543

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Vera Z. Weaver
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E. Carl, Pa. 17519

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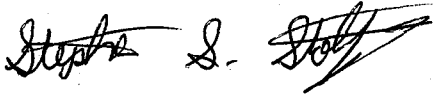
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Yours sincerely,



Stephen S Stoltzfus
353 East Eby Rd
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I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Curt & Linda Martin
1526 Milton Grove Rd
Mount Joy, PA 17552

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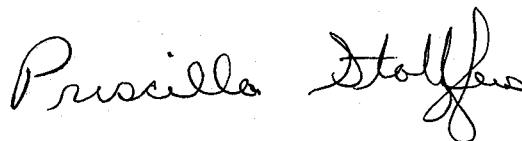
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INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL
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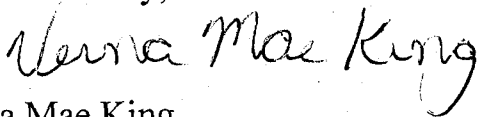
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Yours sincerely,



Verna Mae King
33A Corner Catch Rd
Paradise, PA 17562

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**Kauffman Kennels
358 Bell Rd
Christiana, PA 17509**

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January 20, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Brenni E Kauffman

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The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Floyd Z. Weaver

Floyd Weaver
5109 Old Turnpike Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Yours sincerely,

Samuel F. Stoltzfus
 91 N. Soudersburg Rd
 Gordonville, PA 17529

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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January 18, 2007

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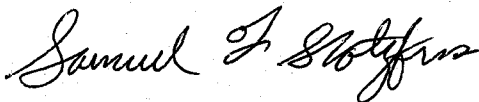
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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Samuel F. Stoltzfus
91 N. Soudersburg Rd
Gordonville, PA 17529

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Ammon Z And Anna R Weaver Kennel
375 Middle Creek Rd
Lititz, PA 17543

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January 20, 2007

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

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Sincerely, *Ammon Z. Weaver*
Anna R. Weaver

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,
Edwin Zeiset
Louella Zeiset
Edwin Zeiset
2225 Main Street
Narvon, PA 17555

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Floyd Martin
120 Chestnut Grove Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

January 20, 2007

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

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Yours truly,



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Bonnie Hackett
PO Box 329
Kresgeville, PA 18333

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January 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Hackett
Hacketts Kennels

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Erla Z. Martin
865 Davis Road
Millmont, PA 17845-9703

January 20, 2007

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

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Yours truly,

Erla Z. Martin

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Martin's Double E Kennel
865 David Road
Millmont, PA 17845

January 20, 2007

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Yours truly,

Martin's Double E Kennel
Edwin M Martin
Erle Z Martin

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P.S. We also are opposed to your exercise plan, these laws are unfairly targeting, licensed and inspected kennels, whereas there are hundreds of unlicensed kennels & individuals, who are under no laws and many who are degrading the reputation of kennels.

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

January 19, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

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Yours truly,

Nathan L Martin

Nathan L. Martin
549 Hahnstown Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Thomas Martin
762 Center Church Road
East Earl, PA 17519

January 20, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Yours Sincerely,



David Stoltzfus
5381 Amish Road
Gap, PA 17527

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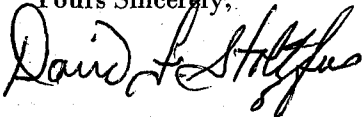
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Yours Sincerely,



David F Stoltzfus
335 Eby Chiques Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

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2007 FEB -1 AM 9:30
INDEPENDENT REGULATOR
LEWIS CHAMBERLIN

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
230I North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 20, 2007

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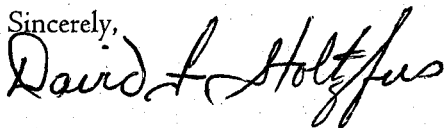
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Yours Sincerely,



Chiques Kennel
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Mount Joy, PA 17552

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Martindale Kennel
595 Martindale Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

January 20, 2007

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Yours truly,

Mark L. Leid

(MARK LEID)

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Stanley Martin
370 Gauger Rd.
Watson, PA 17777

January 20, 2007

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Stanley Martin

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Clara Z. Martin
2874 Division Hwy
New Holland Pa. 17557

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January 20, 2007

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January 20, 2007

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Yours Sincerely,

Miriam R. Fox

Miriam R. Fox
349 Detterline Dr.
New Enterprise, PA 16664

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**JPSJG Farm
2055 Cornwall Rd
Lebanon, PA 17042**

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Peggy Brown

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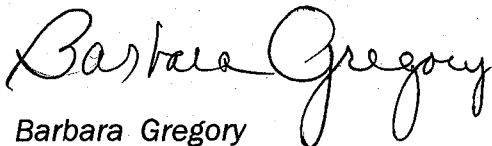
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Yours Sincerely,



Barbara Gregory
515 Sipe Road
York Haven, PA 17370

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Ezra F Kauffman
352 Bell Road
Christiana, PA 17509

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Yours truly,

Menno B. Esch
185 Truce Road
New Providence, PA 17560

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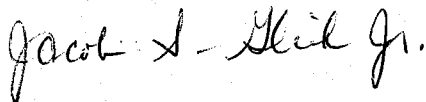
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Yours Sincerely,



Jacob Glick
835 Kirkwood Pike
Quarryville, PA 17566

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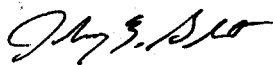
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Yours Sincerely,



Johnny Z. Glick
185 Amsterdam Rd
New Holland, PA 17557

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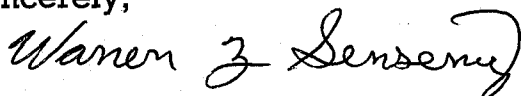
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Yours sincerely,



Warren Z. Sensenig
355 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

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**KIM'S COUNTRY KENNEL
1366 PORTERS RD
SPRING GROVE, PA 17362**

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Yours Sincerely,

Kimberly E. Gassett

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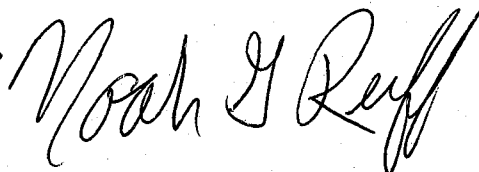
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Yours truly,



Noah Rieff
 334 South Farmerville Road
 Ephrata, PA 17522

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January 23, 2007

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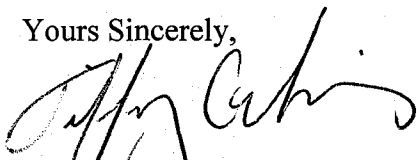
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Yours Sincerely,



Tiffany Gehris
130 Troxel Road
Shoemakersville, Pa 19555

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Paul M. Zeset

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120 Springer Grove Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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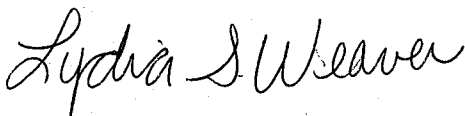
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Yours truly,



Lydia S. Weaver
287 Cottontail Rd
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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Kevin A. Horst
4230 Chapman Hollow Rd
Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853

January 18, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Kevin A. Horst
Ruth W. Horst

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Leon M Martin
423 Panorama Drive
Denver, PA 17517

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953 Glenwood Dr
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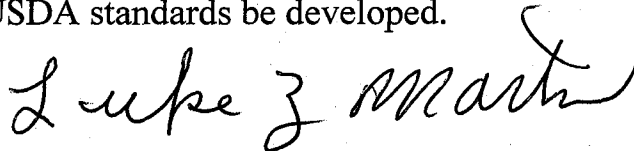
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Luke Z. Martin
500 Weaverland Valley Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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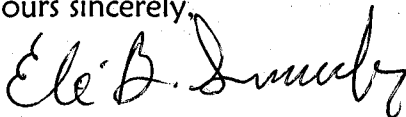
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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Eli B Smucker
317 Springville Rd
Kinzers, PA 17535

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

January 20, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

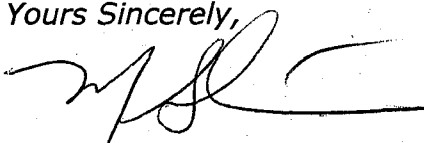
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Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Mary Ann Gehris
130 Troxel Rd
Shoemakersville, PA 19555

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 19, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

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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 truly,



Mary Zimmerman
343 Reidenbach Road
New Holland, PA 17557

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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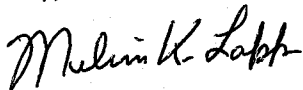
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Yours truly,



Melvin K. Lapp
8 Brubaker Rd
Lititz, PA 17543

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

January 24, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

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,

Wide Hollow Kennel
586 Red Run Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

Thomas Martin

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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett
14th Floor Harristown 2
333 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 31, 2007

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

The new proposal only permits a licensed kennel to buy from another licensed kennel. This is fraud for the following reasons:

1. Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.
2. It is unlawful for the department to regulate and inspect kennels outside of Pennsylvania.
3. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the Department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

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

The current proposal claims to be a general list of ideas to improve the breeding environment for dogs, which are neither substantiated by science nor attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices. A better idea would be for Pennsylvania to adopt USDA type standards.

I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Ealy's Coonhollow Kennel
108 Hilliards Rd
Petrovia, PA 16050

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

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

January 30, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

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Yours sincerely,

Valley Dog
213 E. Luzerne Ave.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18704