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Comments

 Dear Sir,

The proposed ammendments to Chapters 21, 23, 25 and 27 of section 902 of the Dog Law (act) (3 P. S. § 459-902) are poorly thought out and, though ostensibly targeted towards puppy mills, will have disastorous & unitended consequences on the legal operations of scores of ethical small breeders of pure-bred dogs. These breeders who run small operations as a small business do so out of a love for the respective breeds they champion and these breeders depend on their kennel operations to sustain their breeding operations. These small hobby breeders run ethical operations and frequently exceed regulatory standards for their operations. Your proposed rules will place undue burdens these breeders without significantly impacting the operations of established puppy mills. Please refrain from implementing these proposed amendments. I would also suggest that your officials contact the officials and breed wardens of organizations like the United Schutzhund Clubs of America who breeder members are the major source of working dogs for State and Federal agencies in the U.S. to contribute their expertise to your agency in the crafting of future legislation that would impact dog law enforcement. I can confidently assure you that the members of such organizations are totally committed to the ethical breeding and husbandry of canines and hold themselves to standards that far exceed most conventional standards in this area. These individuals would be eager to work closely with your agency to help craft regulations that not only work for the betterment of all breeds but also would serve as a model for Pennsylvania to hold up for the rest of the nation to emulate. Let Pennsylvania which was first in freedom be first yet again in canine freedom.

Sincerely

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